

WITHDRAWAL FROM GREECE EPIC

Mr. Churchill's Statement In The Commons

Complete Nazi Failure To Break Orderly Retirement

THE EVACUATION OF AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE, THOUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT WAS LEFT BEHIND, WAS DISCLOSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, IN REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE THIS SUMMER

It was officially announced in London yesterday (says Reuter) that the British trans-Atlantic air service will be resumed this summer for purposes connected with the war.

"CONVOY PATROL" BY R.A.F.

The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas in the Mediterranean, it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday.

Enemy aircraft attacks have been repeatedly repulsed, while concentrations of enemy planes at Derna and aerodromes in Cyrenaica were heavily raided on Monday night. Many bombs burst among dispersed aircraft.

This action follows the strafing by daylight of concentrations of Junkers troop-carrying aircraft at Benina aerodrome, where 110 ten were lined up, on Monday.

Benghazi harbour was also raided and there were many explosions.

R.A.F. fighters continued to harass the enemy by low-level machine-gun attacks.

Three enemy aircraft have been shot down by A.A. over Tobruk in the past two days.

Enemy troop positions and ammunition dumps were attacked in the Uadda area of Abyssinia by South African planes. Motor transport was destroyed and heavy casualties caused among white and native troops. Direct hits were made on a building on Tandeso aerodrome. Four planes are missing from these operations.—Reuter.

QUAKER UNIT FOR CHINA

Four members of a Quaker ambulance unit, under the auspices of the British Red Cross, led by Peter Tennant, are leaving England this week for Chungking for service as the Chinese Government may think best. The party numbers 40, and the remainder are following shortly.—Reuter.

The Prime Minister declared: "Up to the moment when evacuation was seen to be inevitable, we had landed about 60,000 men in Greece, including one New Zealand and one Australian division. Of these at least 45,000 have been evacuated. (Cheers).

"Considering our Air Force was, through the superiority of the enemy force, compelled to leave the air fields from which it could alone effectively cover the retreat of the troops, and that only a small portion could be used to cover the points of embarkation, this must be considered remarkable.

"The conduct of the troops, especially the rearguard, in fighting their way so many miles to the sea, merits the highest praise.

"IT IS THE FIRST INSTANCE WHERE AIR BOMBING, PROLONGED DAY AFTER DAY, HAS FAILED TO BREAK THE DISCIPLINE AND ORDER OF MARCHING COLUMNS, WHO, BESIDES BEING THUS ASSAILED FROM THE AIR, WERE PURSUED BY NO LESS THAN THREE GERMAN ARMoured DIVISIONS, AS WELL AS THE WHOLE STRENGTH OF THE GERMAN MECHANISED FORCES WHICH COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

3,000 Casualties

"In the actual fighting, principally on Mount Olympus, round Grevena and at Thermopylae, about 3,000 casualties, killed and wounded, are reported to have been suffered by our troops.

"This was a very small part of the losses inflicted on the Germans who, on several occasions, sometimes for two days at a time, were brought to a standstill by forces one-fifth of their number.

"NOR DOES IT TAKE ANY ACCOUNT OF GERMAN LOSSES INCURRED IN THEIR ASSAULTS UPON THE GREEK AND YUGOSLAV ARMIES.

"I dare say it will be possible to give a fuller account in the debate next week but I think I have said enough to show that painful as are our losses we have much to be thankful for and the Empire forces have much to be proud of." (Cheers).

Within The Figure

When asked whether that meant that 45,000 men had successfully reached their bases, Mr. Churchill replied: "I believe that is so. Indeed, I think I am well within the figure."

Replying to another query the Prime Minister said heavy equipment could not, of course, be removed, but the Germans were not short of heavy equipment.—Reuter.

Three Divisions Still Fighting

Three divisions of British and Greek troops were still resisting in Peloponnesus, according to the Turin newspaper "Stampa" yesterday.

The paper says they occupy a line running across the centre of the peninsula from Agulinizza on the Ionian Sea, to Arcos north of Nauplie, and possess an embarkation ports only Nauplie and Malamata.—Reuter.

Summer Holiday Decided

An official Government statement in London yesterday on summer holidays says Government takes the view that for purposes of efficiency in war production and in other essential business, the customary summer holiday, not exceeding one week, should, in general, be taken this year.

In some firms it may be better from the viewpoint of efficiency, to close down for the holiday period if advantage can be taken to overhaul plant.

The statement says holidays should be spread over the period May to October.

Subject to unforeseen circumstances, Whit Monday holiday in England and Wales will not be cancelled, nor Victoria Day holiday in Scotland, though it will be necessary for people engaged on special urgent production to work these days.—Reuter.

GIBRALTAR PREPARES

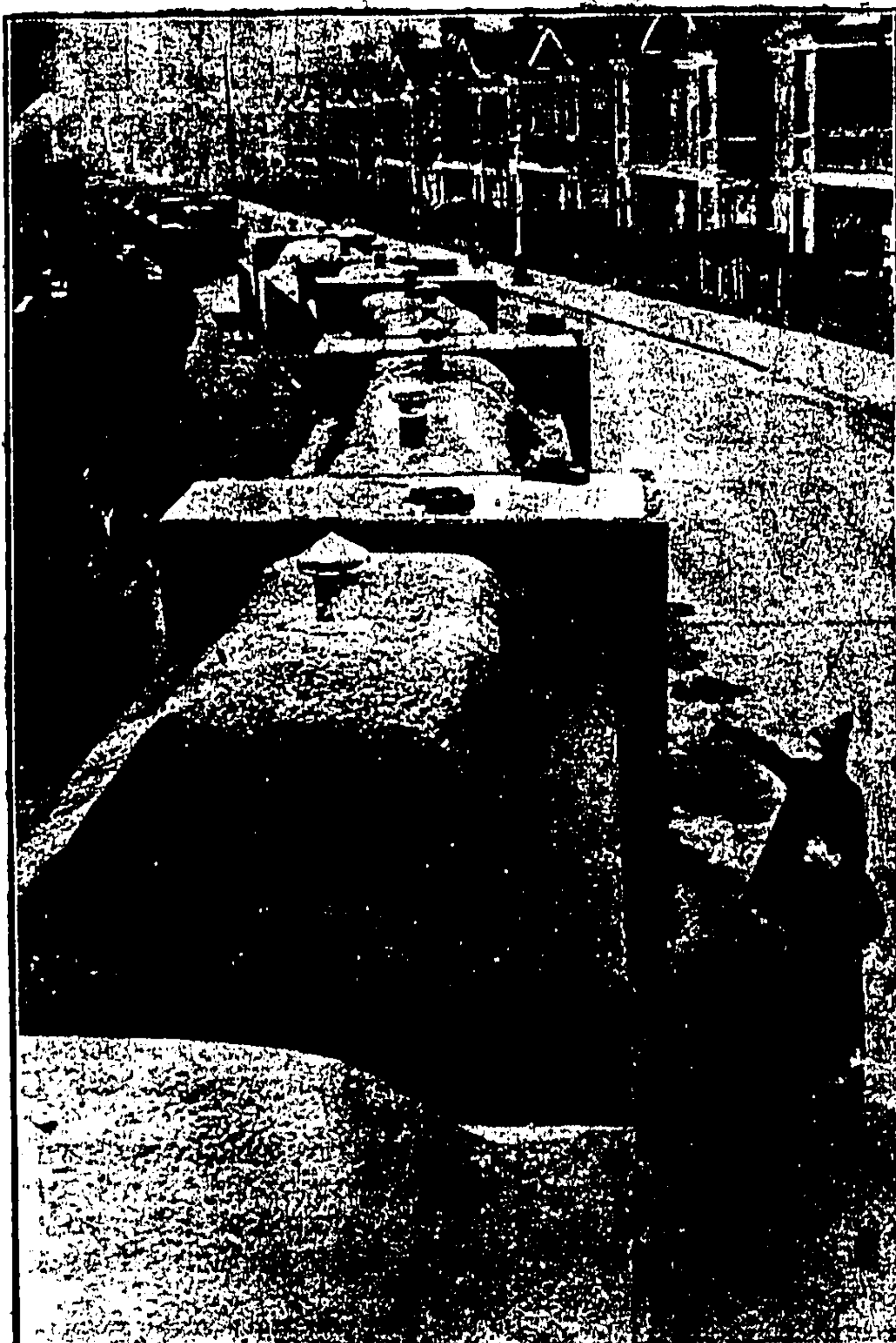
Troopships escorted by two destroyers, which arrived at Gibraltar, have sailed again, according to an Algeiras despatch to Vichy.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar on Tuesday night when planes dropped sandbags representing bombs.

Last night long-range firing practice was being carried out from the northern front of the Rock.—Reuter.

NAZI FREIGHTER'S CARGO

The German freighter "Natal" which has arrived at Santos (Brazil) from Hamburg, carried 2,592 tons of cargo, consisting largely of machinery and aeroplane parts.—Reuter.



This is not a new type of train, but the queer effect of ventilators placed in the roof tops of street shelters in South London. (Copyright, Fox).

IN CONFORMITY WITH REQUEST OF GREECE

A LETTER FROM the Greek Government to the British Government was read by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday, as follows:—

"The Greek Government, while expressing to the British Government and the gallant Imperial troops their gratitude for the aid to Greece in defence against an unjust aggressor, are obliged to make the following statement.

"After conducting a victorious struggle against strongly superior enemy forces for more than six months the Greek army has now reached the stage of exhaustion and finds itself completely deprived of certain resources indispensable for the pursuit of war, like munitions, motorised vehicles and aeroplanes—resources with which it was inadequately supplied from the outbreak of hostilities.

"This state of things makes it impossible for the Greeks to continue the struggle with any chance of success and deprives them of all hope of being able to lend assistance to their valiant ally.

Greek Assistance

"In view of the importance of the British contingents, in view of the aviation at their disposal, and in view of the extent of the front heroically defended by them, the Imperial forces absolutely need the assistance of the Greek army without which they could not prolong their own resistance for more than a few days.

"In these conditions, continuation of the struggle, while incapable of producing any useful effect, would have no other result than to bring about the collapse of the Greek army and bloodshed useless to the Allied cause.

Vain Sacrifice

"Consequently, the Greek Government are obliged to state that further sacrifice of the British Expeditionary Force would be in vain and its withdrawal in time seems rendered necessary by circumstances and by interests common to the struggle."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) asked Mr. Eden to convey to the Greek Premier, Britain's deep gratitude for the magnificent courage and endurance which the Greek army had shown and for their loyalty as allies. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden concurred and added: "The whole House feels no tribute can be too high for what they have achieved."—Reuter.

AMAZING EXPLOIT OF BRITISH SUBMARINE

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET IMPRACTICAL

The London "Daily Telegraph" regards the Imperial War Cabinet idea as impracticable, on the ground that such a body cannot remain long together.

It points out that Mr. Lloyd George assembled one in 1917 which sat for the first time on March 20 and the last time on May 2.—Reuter.

Goebbels Slanders Australia

There is no industrial unrest in Australia, according to a cable from the Australian Trades Union Council to Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trades Union Council yesterday.

The cable assures British Trade Unionists that reports suggesting there are serious industrial disturbances are untrue and a libel on Australian workers, who are determined to destroy the forces of oppression.

"There is no industrial turmoil here," adds the cable.

The message supports an earlier statement by Mr. Holt, Minister of Labour and National Service, who cabled the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, in London, describing as "utterly false" enemy propaganda alleging industrial unrest in Australia.—Reuter.

CONSTABLE HAD A GOOD MEMORY

When Fredk. Arthur Manzi (33), a soldier, of Queen Adelaide Road, Penge, was charged at Tower Bridge Police Court with being a deserter, Police-constable Evans said he saw Manzi in a shop in London Road, Southwark, in Air Force uniform, and recognised him as a man he had seen a week before dressed as a Flight Sergeant.

He saw that wings and stripes had been removed from the uniform and bits of cotton were still showing where they had been. Manzi was remanded in custody.

MORE CHEERFUL STOCK EXCHANGE

Conditions on the London Stock Exchange yesterday were cheerful but the turnover was small apart from a good demand for gilt-edged, which made a further substantial appreciation. Among foreign issues, Greek and Japanese bonds hardened. Cable and Wireless weakened from 63½ to 61½ on less optimistic dividend expectations. Kafirs were quietly firm. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

Attempt To Rescue Mr. Campbell

AN ATTEMPT BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE TO RESCUE THE BRITISH MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA, MR. RONALD CAMPBELL, IN AN ITALIAN-OCCUPIED PORT ON THE Dalmatian Coast, IS TOLD IN THE FOLLOWING BRITISH ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

"A report has been received from the Mediterranean of an exceedingly audacious attempt by one of our submarines, Regent (Lt.-Cmdr. P. J. H. Bartlett), to embark Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugoslavia, and his staff after the collapse of organised Yugoslav resistance.

"At dawn on April 26 the port was occupied by the Italian army. Nevertheless Regent entered the port and an officer from the submarine was landed to call on the senior Italian naval officer in charge.

"As a result, an Italian army staff officer was embarked in Regent as a hostage while the British officer went in search of Mr. Ronald Campbell.

"Meanwhile, Regent lay in the harbour wearing her largest White Ensign whilst surrounded by large forces of the Italian army.

"This tense but farcical situation continued for nine hours while the submarine waited in the hope that the landed British officer would find Mr. Ronald Campbell and bring him down to the port.

An Attack

"Nine hours after entering the harbour, however, Regent was attacked by two Italian dive-bombers. These dropped several bombs and attacked with machine-guns, slightly wounding the commanding officer, the First Lieutenant and one petty officer.

"The commanding officer of Regent then decided he could wait no longer in face of the great risk of further attacks. Regent dived and left harbour submerged.

"Regent had to pass through two minefields in order to reach the harbour of Kotor.

THESE SHE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED ON LEAVING AND THEN PASSED OUT OF THE ADRIATIC AND RETURNED TO HER BASE WITH THE ITALIAN HOSTAGE STILL ON BOARD.

Cool Courage

"Although Regent's mission was unsuccessful in rescuing the British Minister, the fact that a British submarine could lie for nine hours in a harbour occupied by the enemy, and subsequently be successfully extricated, is a tribute to the coolness and determination of the commanding officer and crew of Regent.—Reuter.

On China Coast

H.M.S. Regent, the submarine concerned in this exploit, was engaged in service with the China Fleet until the outbreak of war. She was then under different command.

HITLER MURDERS IN VAIN

"Hitler would say 'I shall never win this way, if he could see the bombed towns, cities and villages of this country,' said the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, at Swansea yesterday.

"Hitler would go back and reconsider his frightful policy. Virtue and courage is not the prerogative of a few, it is the universal character of the people," said Mr. Menzies paying a tribute to "all types and classes of people in Great Britain."

GERMANY INVENTED THE PHRASE "TOTAL WAR," MEANING WAR ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, OLD MEN AND UNDEFENDED CITIZENS.

"Total war for us must mean war on everyone who speaks the British tongue all over the world, and when our enemy has discovered he is dealing with one solid, resolute mass of the people of our race, wherever they may live, I venture to believe he will begin to get doubts, which will grow into fear, and fears which will grow into defeat.—Reuter.

WHERE YORKSHIRE LEADS

Fighter pilots from almost every county in the British Isles have been decorated for brilliant work in actions over Britain and abroad; but Yorkshire, Surrey and Lancashire have easily taken the lion's share of the awards.

Yorkshiremen, officers and air-men, in daring attacking and defensive engagements have carried off at least 20 awards for gallantry, followed by Surrey and Lancashire with 11 each. London and the counties comprising Greater London—excluding Surrey—share 48 between them.



Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had just left their home during a raid on London when a stick of bombs were dropped and they both lost their right leg. One of the bombs demolished All Hallows, Barking Church, in which they were married seven years ago. Now fit again, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are seen viewing the damaged church. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. CAMPBELL REPORTED PLAYING BRIDGE AT DURAZZO

SITTING IN THE BEST hotel in Durazzo, reading and playing bridge, are diplomats and their families—some 50 persons altogether—from Belgrade, says the special correspondent of the German wireless service in Albania.

They consist of members of the Dutch, Belgian, Polish and British legations and consulates in Belgrade, and the message claims that Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister in Belgrade, is among the party.

The world has been seeking his whereabouts since the German occupation of Yugoslavia, and on Tuesday the British Government asked the United States to enquire from the Italian and German Governments for news of Mr. Campbell.

A MESSAGE ON TUESDAY FROM THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID MR. CAMPBELL WAS CAPTURED AT SEA ON THE WAY TO CRETE BY THE ITALIAN NAVY.

Now they say the diplomatic party was surprised by Italian troops as they were about to embark on a British submarine, which got away.

The message adds the Italian Government have not yet decided on their future.—Reuter.

DESERTED AFTER DUNKIRK NOW GAOLED

Said to have been wounded at Dunkirk and to have subsequently deserted from his unit, William John Clamson (34), a soldier of the Royal Artillery, was sent to prison for three months. He pleaded "Guilty" at South-West Police Court to being a deserter from his unit and giving a false name to obtain a duplicate identity card.

It was stated that when arrested he had a receipt for an identity card in a false name.

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GERMAN LANDINGS IN FINLAND: ANOTHER MARES-NEST

REPORTS OF JOINT GERMAN-FINNISH MANOEUVRES IN FINLAND ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED IN HELSINKI, STATES A SWISS AGENCY TELEGRAM FROM THE FINNISH CAPITAL RECEIVED IN BERNE LAST NIGHT.

In London there is no confirmation in authoritative quarters of the reports of a landing in Finland by 12,000 German troops with tanks and other equipment, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says nothing is known in London of a report that German transports have landed troops at Turku (Abo.).

He adds the Germans have an agreement with the Finnish Government allowing the transit of troops through Finland to Petsamo and thence to northern Norway.

This agreement, which was regarded in London as unfortunate, was the subject of strong representations to the Finnish Government by Britain.

The agreement also allowed the transit of troops on leave in Germany through Finland on their return to their units in northern Norway.

Troops On Leave

It may well be that owing to bad weather, with ice and snow in Finland, northern Norway and the Gulf of Bothnia, which has prevailed in these parts in recent months, many troops on leave may have been held up.

The coming of Spring weather may now have accelerated leave-going arrangements and there may be news of even more troops passing through Finland during the next few weeks.

It is believed the agreement between the Finns and Germans allowed the passage of "materiel" as well as troops on leave. Reuter.

VILLAGE GIVES BLOOD

Almost every villager in Harewood followed the example of the Princess Royal by volunteering to become blood donors.

The Princess went to Leeds in response to a broadcast appeal and gave a pint of her blood.

By midday nearly everyone in Harewood had a small piece of cottonwood adhering to the lobe of one ear.

People stood in queues at the village hall while a mobile transfusion unit "tapped" the lobes of their ears.

Postman Granville Scott, who delivers letters to the Princess Royal at Harewood House, was delayed on his parcels delivery. While the postmistress, Miss Amy Ibbotson and her sister, Miss Sally Ibbotson, were being tested at the post office, Mr. Scott started on his round.

Vicarage — And 'Local'

But Nurse Ailsa Lax, of the British Red Cross Society, who formerly worked in the office of her father, an architect, stopped him in the street and persuaded him to sign an enrolment form.

Other nurses, headed by Sister Evelyn McGuinness, went to the vicarage, where the Rev. H. H. Griffiths submitted to a test, and the village "local" where the landlord, Mr. Edward E. Browne, was enrolled.

The unit, accompanied by Dr. W. S. Stanbury, regional transfusion officer from Leeds, visited Harewood House, where twelve of the staff of four teen volunteered.

STOLE BOOKS TO PASS ARMY EXAM

It was stated at Old Street Police Court when James John Paul, a 23-year-old lance-bombardier, was charged with being concerned in a theft of three books from a bombed bookseller, that he committed the theft "more or less to help him to pass his Army course." The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act.

An Army officer described Paul as an industrious worker. "I was astonished on hearing of this case," he said, "I think it was done with zeal so he could pass his work."

The Magistrate told Paul that he wouldn't dream of sending him to prison, because he had been given fine testimonials. "If you are sensible," he said, "you will not do this sort of thing again. I should say that you have a future before you."

SOLDIER'S BRIDE WILL BEAT BLITZ

WHEN SHE WEDS her soldier sweetheart in a Bristol church a twenty-year-old Swansea girl will wear only her working clothes.

There will be no orange blossoms, no attendants in all their finery. Phyllis Florence Thomas intended to marry twenty-four-year-old Signaller Donald Alfred Coles in her own town.

It was to be a real spring wedding, with three small bridesmaids, a pageboy and two of her best friends as elder bridesmaids.

Then the German raiders came to Swansea. Their bombs.

Killed her chief bridesmaid.

Destroyed the church in which Phyllis was to wed.

Wrecked the store where she works.

Damaged her own home.

Burned her white wedding gown, her trousseau and the tiny bridesmaids' frocks.

To Tidy Up —

Then her sweetheart's mother, Mrs. Louisa Coles, of Meadow Value, Bristol, comforted her.

She visited her Bristol vicar, who said he would dispense with the formality of getting the banns certificate from the bombed Swansea church.

So, with her soldier bridegroom, home on seven days' leave, Phyllis will marry in Bristol.

An orphan, she would have died with her friend but for her wish to tidy up her sister's house ready for a visit from her future mother-in-law.

Her friend asked her to go to the cinema. She declined because she had this work to do.

The other girl, her chief bridesmaid was killed coming out of

GIRL ESCAPES SHOT

The girl cashier of the Regal Cinema, Farnham, refused to give up the takings when a soldier levelled a revolver at her and demanded them.

He fired once but did not hit her. In the confusion he grabbed the money and escaped.

ANTI-CONVOY RESOLUTION SQUASHED

The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday squashed, by 13 votes to 10, a resolution that would have prohibited the use of convoys without Congressional sanction. —Reuter.

MUSEUM "NOT WORTH SEEING"

Miss Jessie Louisa Mylne, of Goldhawk Road, Hammersmith, who died last March, directed in her will that the house in which she had lived should be used as a museum for Hammersmith, to be known as the "J. L. Mylne Museum."

Mr. Justice Farewell commented in the Chancery Division: "Looking at the chattels which the lady intended to be housed in this museum, they are not worth anybody's while to go and see."

He directed an inquiry as to how much of the residuary estate should be applied for the foundation of the museum.

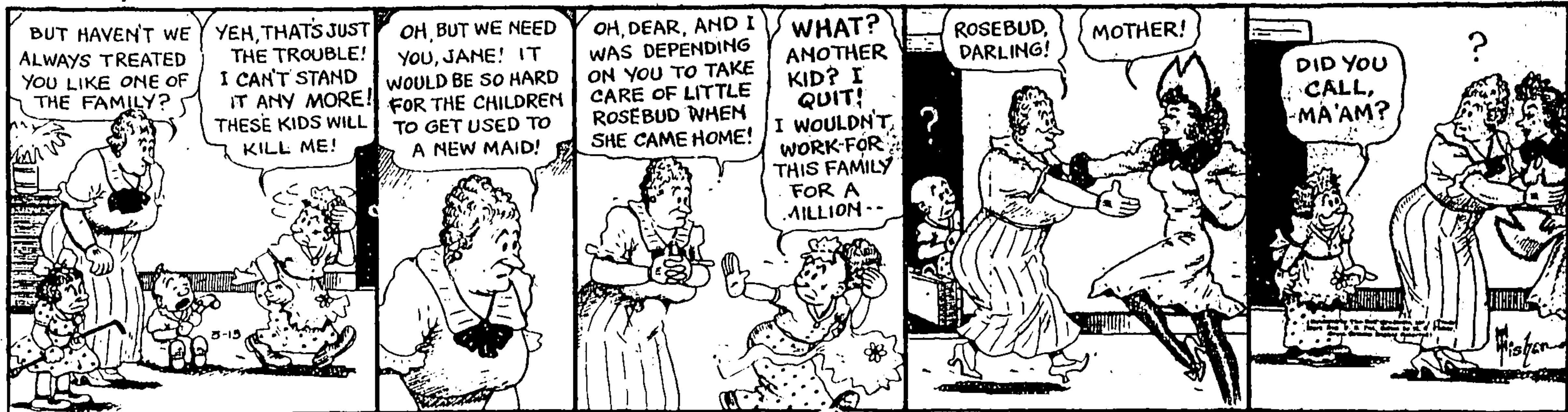
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APRIL TOLL OF R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

ALTOGETHER 252 GERMAN AND ITALIAN AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THE BALKANS AND AFRICA DURING APRIL.

In the Western Desert 81 were shot down by British fighters, 11 were destroyed by A.A. fire and 31 were destroyed on the ground.

In Greece and Albania, British fighters accounted for 55 enemy planes while 10 more were shot down by A.A. fire.

In East Africa, owing to the increasing weakness of Italian resistance, only eight of their planes were shot down during April, but advancing British troops discovered 46 Italian aircraft destroyed on their own aerodromes.

The Air Ministry news service, giving these facts yesterday, says a great part of the destruction in East Africa was achieved by the South African Air Force, which was particularly active throughout the campaign in attacking Italian aerodromes.

British Losses

In addition to the R.A.F. and the South Africans, units of the

Royal Australian, Rhodesian and Free French air forces played their part in all these operations.

British losses for the month totaled 58, but in many instances the pilots returned safely. — Reuter.

DISTURBED OTHERS' REST

For disturbing the rest of people using an air raid shelter, F. Lamena Mansi, twenty-two, hairdresser, and Anna Mansi, eighteen, caterer, both of Kentish Town Road, St. Pancras, were each fined £3 at Hampstead.

A policeman said they used obscene language in the shelter and were surrounded by a large crowd.

EIRE'S NEW VOTE FOR ARMY

The Dail, by agreement yesterday, passed without discussion the Army vote for £8,383,556 for the year 1941/42.

The amount for 1938/39 (the last "peace-time" vote) was £1,672,025. — Reuter.

VICTORIA LEAGUE AND BOMBER FUND

Sir,—To all members of the Victoria League and to all returned students from the United Kingdom the unfortunate death of Miss Gertrude Drayton, C.B.E., as a result of enemy action, reported in the press a few days ago, must have come as a terrible shock. For many years Miss Drayton was the Secretary of the Victoria League in London, and in this position she rendered incalculable help to students from the Far East who pursued their studies in the United Kingdom.

Her service took many forms. She met students on their arrival, found board and lodging for them, arranged for their admission into the different Universities, introduced them to good society, looked after their affairs in general and sent reports periodically to their parents. After the outbreak of the present war, she also helped a number of students in obtaining passages back to the Far East.

There must be many in this Colony who have benefited either directly or indirectly from the kind assistance and sound advice so freely given by Miss Drayton. To her they owe a debt which cannot now be repaid, and one feels sure that they, and in many cases their parents, will be anxious to mark their gratitude to Miss Drayton by subscribing to a worthy cause in her memory, and in this respect, the Committee of the local Victoria League consider that there can be no worthier cause than the Bomber Fund.

We are directed by the Committee to appeal to the public of all nationalities in general and to returned students from the United Kingdom in particular, as well as to their parents, to send subscriptions to the Bomber Fund in memory of one who devoted the whole of her life to helping others and promoting better understanding and closer relationship between the different peoples of the British Empire.

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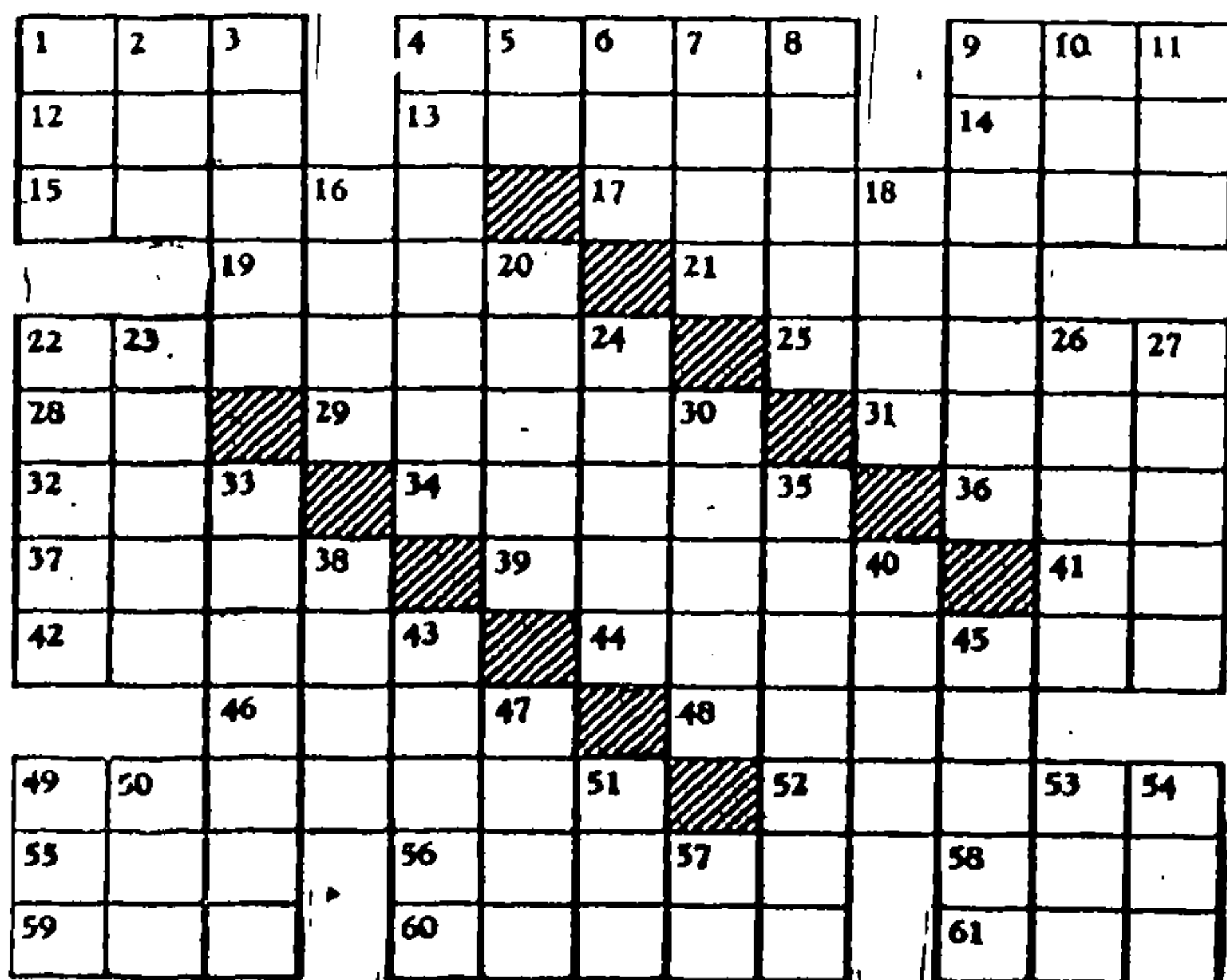
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- 4 Giver
- 9 Ready
- 12 Doctrine
- 13 To take out
- 14 Sticky substance
- 15 Fungus
- 17 Stinging
- 19 River in New Mexico
- 21 True
- 22 To claim
- 25 Ornamental shrub
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Russian stockade
- 31 To venture
- 32 Finish
- 34 Growing out
- 36 Free
- 37 Matures
- 39 Feeble-minded
- 41 Symbol for selenium
- 42 Membranes
- 44 Strawn over
- 46 Boring tools
- 48 Son of Isaac
- 49 Colloquial: a countryman

VERTICAL

- 1 Poetic: it is
- 2 Ember
- 3 Adult insect
- 4 To reduce
- 5 Symbol for oleum
- 6 To bite
- 7 German river

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



LORD HALIFAX'S SPEECH

INEXORABLE PURPOSE OF DEMOCRACIES

The complete text of the address delivered by Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, before the dinner of the English Speaking Union in New York follows:

"I am particularly glad of the opportunity of thanking the committee for what they have done in helping British mothers and the children who came here at the beginning of the war.

I speak to you to-night at a moment big with fate, when the war is entering on a new phase, and tremendous issues are being decided. Nothing is to be gained by under-rating the grave repercussions caused by the events of the last few days in the Balkans and North Africa. Let us look at them straight for what they are—black spots in the picture of the war, and having done that, take a general view of the whole situation.

What has happened in the Balkans? Hitler has played his usual game of pretending to negotiate with his victim while all the time preparing for that victim's destruction. The people of Yugoslavia fortunately resisted the methods which had betrayed Bulgaria to Hitler without recourse to arms, and chose to do battle rather than tamely suffer slavery. The moment Hitler found that cajolery and blackmail were alike unavailing, he struck. Yugoslavia was caught before her mobilisation was complete, and before the staff conversations which, alas, her previous government had declined, could be made effective.

Side by side with the unfolding of these great events, we have seen Hitler intensify his efforts to destroy our shipping and to break the morale of our people by night bombing. Such is a brief presentation of the more ugly facts, and there is nothing gained by not looking them squarely in the face.

The British people will certainly be ready to do so, for one of the chief reasons for the Prime Minister's hold on their trust is that he has never been afraid to tell them the truth. And they are accordingly prepared to take long views.

British Not Dismayed

The tremendous run of success against the Italians caused them no exaggerated feeling of elation, nor will they be unduly disturbed by the present set-backs.

The late Lord Salisbury used to advise statesmen always to use large scale maps. The spirit of that advice is equally good in taking stock of our situation today.

I make no claim to be a military strategist, but there are certain large facts which are plain. Germany went into this war with the accumulated strength of long years of preparation. We have always known that we could not reach anything like our full strength till more than two years had gone. During the whole of this period we knew, quite apart from all the hazards of war, that we were bound to be at grave disadvantage. Only now is the balance for us beginning to be redressed.

But on closer study of the Balkans, it is important to remember that Hitler always hoped to achieve a bloodless victory over both Greece and Yugoslavia.

In North Africa it was always within the power of the Germans with great superiority of numbers to send powerful reinforcements to their unhappy Axis partner at any time since the collapse of France. It would have been far more dangerous if they had done so before we had destroyed most of the Italian army and a large part of the Italian Navy. I constantly wondered why they did not do so.

There is one further fact of first importance to be entered on the credit side. In the great trial of strength last autumn between the German and British air forces, when our force was nothing like as strong as it is now, the German air force was decisively defeated.

Nazi Strength Divided

What is the broad picture that emerges? A Germany more powerful, but compelled to strike in one direction where she surely

thought her Axis partner ought to have been able to secure favourable results unaided, and obliged to strike also in another direction where no doubt at few months ago Hitler counted on undermining resistance without the necessity of fighting. The result is that instead of being able to concentrate his strength against ourselves in the only theatre which could be decisive, he has been forced to send his legions into fields in which whatever success he may win, he cannot achieve that success against Great Britain which can alone win the war.

That is why he will continue to make every effort, by ruthless attacks on shipping and indiscriminate night bombing, to smash the centre of resistance. Our air force is an incomparably more formidable instrument than it was even a few months ago, and with your help is, beginning to be able to give Hitler as good as and better than he gives us. We must not look for speedy results in the conquest of the night bomber. But the toll of machines destroyed by the aid of science slowly mounts, and there is here certainly no reason for discouragement.

The Prime Minister dealt at some length in his recent survey with the shipping situation. He made no attempt to minimise its gravity, but he gave good ground for thinking that the battle of the Atlantic is a battle we can certainly win, provided that our joint resources are, to the full limits of our respective possibilities, brought to bear.

Hitler is now faced by the spectacle, which is for him a spectre, of the growing productive strength of the United States and the British Commonwealth, reflected in the increasing military resources that are being steadily marshalled against him on land and sea and in the air.

English-Speaking Unity

That joint effort is the translation into action of that which is the purpose of this union. The name of your society rightly lays emphasis on language as one of the most potent bonds by which men are held together. Not only does it simplify the process of reaching common thought, but those who enjoy a common language are common heirs and possessors of all its greatest treasures. You have as much right as we to be proud of those Englishmen who through centuries have made the English language the vehicle of much of man's finest thought.

It ought to be significant to us all that their main and most enduring contribution has been directly concerned with interpreting in words those ideals which we are fighting to protect to-day—human personality and the freedom which is at once its guardian and its goal.

It is this love of freedom that, in the case of the British Commonwealth, impels the march of free men from the four quarters of the world, and which is the most precious thing we all share in the darkest days that mankind has known. We should be false to everything that has made us what we are were we to shrink from any efforts to save our heritage.

There is always a danger that those who enjoy some gift won

for them by their fathers may come to forget the price paid for it, and to feel it so secure that they need do little to deserve it. We shall not make that mistake. If we are indeed in earnest when we think of freedom as the pearl of great price, we cannot count the cost of keeping it.

The record of what the British Commonwealth of Nations has done and is doing in this struggle shows more clearly than words that it is not content with lip service to the ideals which it proclaims. Without grudge or stint it is giving all it has to the common cause.

Tells Of British Gratitude

I wish I could convey to you, and through you to every man and woman in the United States, the feeling with which my countrymen have seen this new evidence that your people are firmly ranged with us to see that freedom shall not perish from the earth. This great association of free men, resolute and determined, is not far short of 200,000,000 souls. Democracies are traditionally difficult to organise and slow to move. Men conscious of their part in a nation's life, feeling their own responsibility and their right to decide as conscience may dictate, need time before they reach final, and perhaps irrevocable, decisions. Conviction often comes gradually, even though there is no time to lose and tardiness in war can be dangerously costly. But when democracies do move as they are moving to-day, with united and inexorable purpose, their momentum has a drive and thrust denied to enslaved people.

And can Hitler—with all his Nazi organisation, with his tremendous array of guns and tanks and bayonets, even supported by all the unnamed torture of the concentration camp and all the weapons of secret fear that the Gestapo can employ—can Hitler with all this hold down indefinitely millions of men and women whose hatred of him and all he represents grows daily? I have no doubt about the answer which all history gives to such a question.

And there is one other of these large factors, perhaps the most important, which I have not mentioned. After just over eighteen months of war, after considerable successes, and with perhaps further successes still to come, Hitler still finds himself obliged to reckon with the heavy hand of sea power. Have the aid or the resources of Nazi science, or the economics of the New Order been able like Dillish of old to shear the locks of Samson and rob sea power of its virtue and its ability in the end to play its historic role? The history of the struggle at sea since the war began gives every reason to believe that the strength of sea power is undiminished, and in the end will play the largest part in bringing down the pillars of the Nazi temple.

Confident Of Victory

Ebb and flow must always mark the tide of war, but there are two main lines of thought which give me complete confidence in the ultimate outcome. First, the mass of practical facts, some of which I have outlined. These take time to make their weight felt, but in the end must be decisive.

But over and above all this I find my mind constantly turning back to that which is cardinal and matters most of all. The same spirit, the same thirst for freedom which created this United States, which created the British Commonwealth of Nations, cannot, so long as it retains its true vitality, go down before so vile a thing as the Nazi system has shown itself to be.

And here I would ask you to remember this: the battle is engaged and, as has happened more than once before, Hitler is straining every nerve in an endeavour to undermine British morale and to discourage our friends by making them think that their help will arrive too late. German propaganda

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ITALIAN HOPES

From an extreme dejection over Fascist defeats the Italian public has suddenly swung, with the news of what German arms have accomplished in Libya and the Balkans, to a zenith of optimism. So high are the hopes induced by the Nazi war communiques that Mussolini's kept press has found it necessary to put in a word of caution. The Rome "Messaggero," for instance, warns its readers that wars have their ups and downs, and hence it is "inopportune, imprudent and harmful to abandon one's self to-day to fantastic forecasts on the duration of the war."

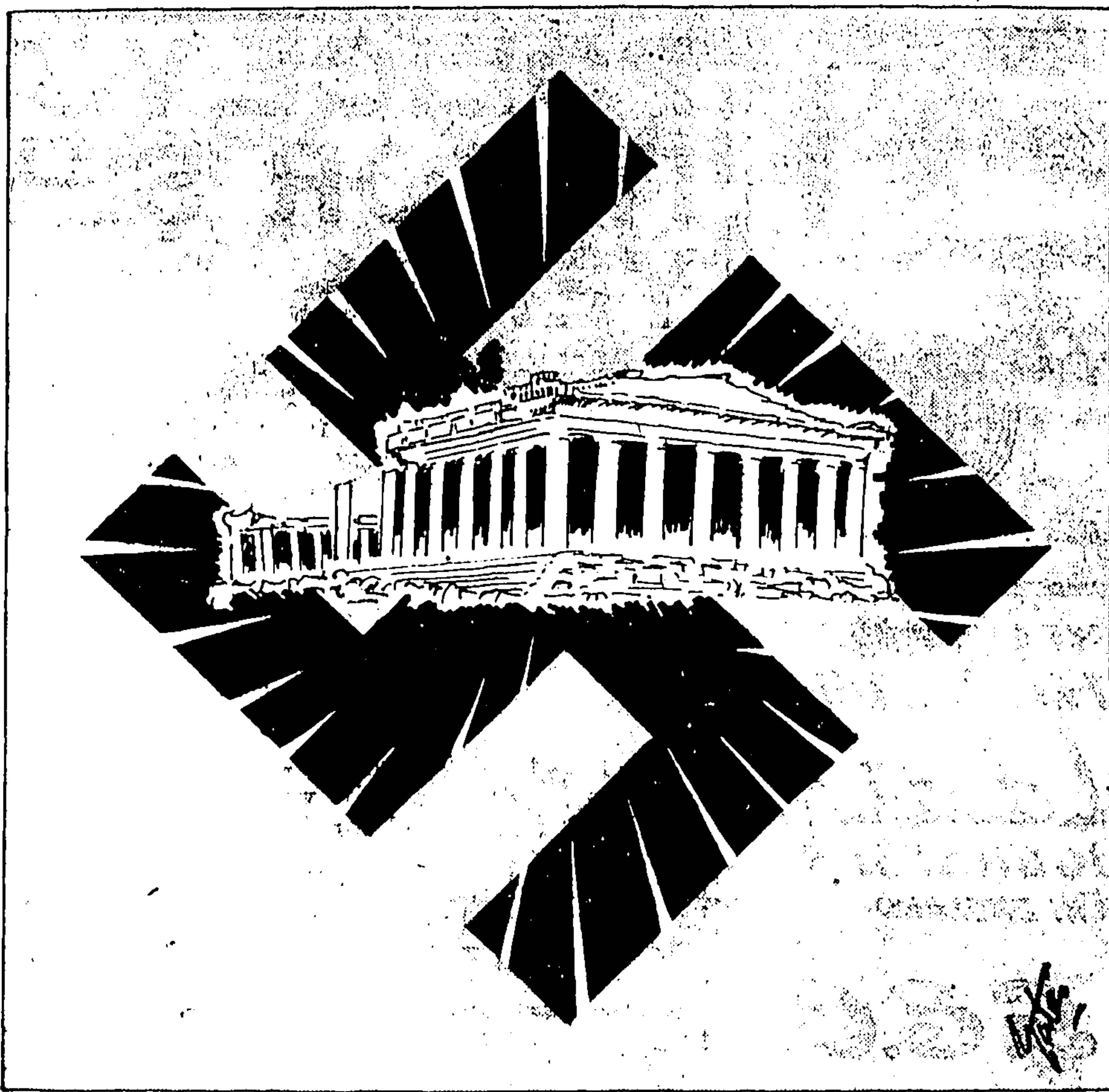
This advice is excellent on its face and is worth our own heeding. But intelligent Italians will probably discover in it also a cryptic suggestion that their enthusiasm for German victories is misplaced; that Hitler's rescue of the country from disaster, if it eventuates, will not be the blessing they foresee. And when one comes to think of it, what support is there for Italian joy, whatever the war's outcome? Italy has become and, should Hitler win, will remain a Nazi province. Her empire, regardless of any nominal arrangement, will be in Nazi hands. Her vision of empire is doomed, in any event, but, should Hitler be defeated, she would at least regain her national autonomy. Are we wrong in supposing that such thoughts were uppermost in the mind of the author of the caution quoted?

THE SEA WAR

For the first time this year London has given us figures on the destruction of German submarines. They reveal that seventy-four of these craft have been destroyed since the war started. At the beginning of hostilities Germany had only seventy-one. No one outside Germany knows the rate of building; but replacement of a whole under-water navy, both with boats and crews, must have been difficult. Moreover, the British figure of German loss is certainly not the true total. Doubtless many depth bombs, shells and missiles from the air have found their mark and left no trace of the victims. From destroyed or captured U-boats Britain has taken 400 prisoners, including Commander Kretschmer, the leading Nazi ace. The hunt for a stealthy foe has not been unsuccessful, and the Ad-

miralty ventures the hope that it is becoming even more vigorous.

But it is far from decisive. The last published weekly ship loss figure, 77,575 tons, emphasises the mounting danger, for it is beyond any present hope of replacement. Even more alarming was the Admiralty revision for the week of March 16, which reached the staggering sum of 146,098 tons. These meticulous revisions, released as more ships known to have been at sea fail to report, show clearly that we have no disposition to conceal losses. They show also that the submarine is still the gravest menace to Britain—and to the whole policy of aid to Britain to which America stands committed.



SHINING THROUGH

New Defeatism

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

hopes dashed, we have had bad news, and we are very likely to get more bad news. It is a situation made to order for a major German propaganda effort, just as it is made to order for our own appeasers and defeatists.

We shall certainly see a resurgence of defeatism, which the Axis will reinforce by every means in its power. We shall be told again and again of the invincibility of German arms, we shall be deafened with the cries of those who insist that only a holocaust of American youth can ever stop Hitler, we shall be sneered at for our promises of aid to Yugoslavia and Greece, and cajoled by visions of peaceful adjustments with the "new order" in Europe and East Asia, while we shall likewise be covertly or perhaps openly threatened with a Pacific war and the sinking of our ships in the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean.

In all this those of evil purpose will be aided and abetted by those of faint heart.

Before the tumult and the shouting, therefore, let us for a moment examine quietly the terrors from which we are bidden to cover or to flee.

Nazis Gains Not Decisive

The Germans have gained success in Greece and Yugoslavia. Germany is the master of all the Balkan peninsula up to the frontier of Turkey. Suppose she went beyond, went into Turkey. Would the war be lost? Most definitely not. Germany has gained new strategic positions, at the cost of greatly impairing the value of her Balkan sources of supply as against a policy of peaceful trade, and she has added to her growing burdens, that of policing a sullen, warlike and recalcitrant population of twenty-odd millions in country which historically has been difficult, if not impossible, completely to conquer or control. The Germans have also gained certain successes in North Africa. They have advanced to the marches of Egypt. They have partially surrounded the British garrison in Tobruk. They have advanced positions for air attacks against Suez. But between them and the Valley of the Nile lies the terrible expanse of the Libyan

desert, to which that of Cyrenaica is a children's playground, while the crafty Wavell gathers his strength for a counter-blow and the British fleet ranges the Eastern sea. But suppose it were far worse; suppose Alexandria were taken, and Cairo, and the Canal itself—would the war be lost? This would be a far worse blow than the temporary loss of Greece—but again the answer is, most definitely not.

The gate to the Indian Ocean would remain locked at Aden, the road to which the Germans would find difficult and dangerous and long. The British fleet would still be far superior to anything the Axis could hope to send into the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean. Indeed, many ships might be released for service either in the Far East or the Atlantic. British prestige throughout the Moslem world would have been dealt a deadly blow, and the Axis might gain possession of the oil fields of Iraq, though not necessarily of pipelines in serviceable condition. But the navies of Britain would still command the oceans of the world, the supplies of Australia and South Africa, of Canada and, above all, of the United States, would still flow toward the main British centre of resistance, the island of Great Britain.

While that island holds fast, and can be supplied, Germany cannot win this war.

As for the Russo-Japanese pact, it may give Japan a greater sense of freedom of action in the Far East, but what of the practical basis for this? It is most unlikely that very many troops can be released from Manchukuo; nor is any appreciable change made in the naval situation, which is fundamental to any Japanese thrust to the southward. It is just as easy to interpret this pact as dictated by a Russia anxious to have freedom of action in Europe. It says nothing, nothing at all, of the cessation of Russian aid to China, and it seems to be in direct contradiction to the famous tripartite alliance.

Under the tripartite pact, if Germany becomes involved in war with a power not now belligerent, Japan must aid her.

But under the Russo-Japanese pact, in a Russo-German war Japan must remain neutral. Let us think somewhat of these matters when the cries are going up, as soon they will, that Japan is now free to "threaten our interests" and "drag us into war" in the Pacific Ocean.

As a matter of fact we are the only one of the three great powers not now actually belligerent which does in fact retain a considerable measure of freedom of action.

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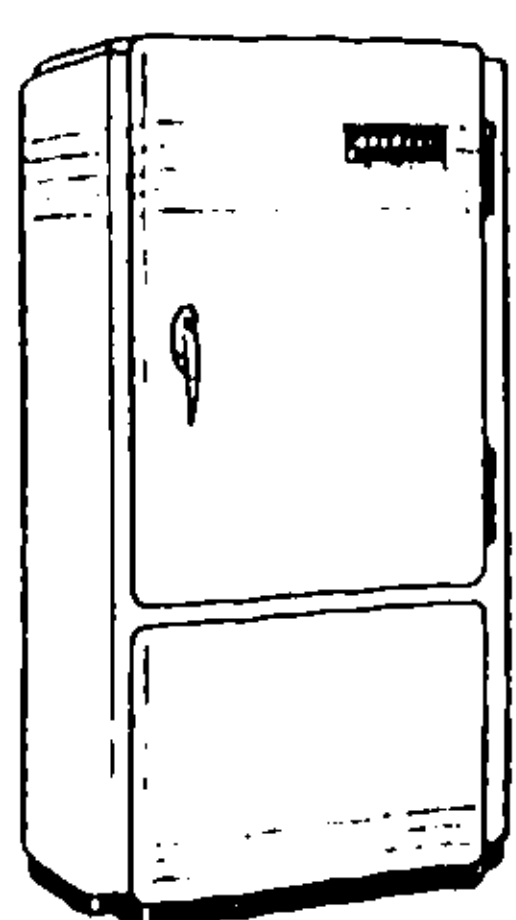
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DIAMOND ALLEY'S DAY OF FAME

POLICE WATCHED IT FOR SEVEN YEARS

BLACK LION YARD, Whitechapel—"Diamond Alley"—has had its day of fame. East-Enders contrived to walk that way to look at the closed shutters of Nathan Fishberg's jewellery shop, centre of one of the most spotlit cases in years.

Fifty-five-year-old Nathan Fishberg and his 32-year-old son Harry were sentenced at the Old Bailey to 18 months' and nine months' imprisonment respectively for receiving stolen jewellery valued at £1,100.

The police said the shop had been a receiving centre for stolen jewellery "for a long time." They said they had been watching Black Lion Yard for seven years. The Fishbergs alleged they had been framed, and that the jewellery had been "planted" on them.

So Black Lion Yard is temporarily in the limelight. It has become a calling-place for the City's curious ones.

City men strolled over from Bishopsgate to look at the shop and the policeman on beat in the narrow yard. In the meantime, the ordinary life of Whitechapel, beards and padded shoulders, rags and praying shawls, flowed over and round it.

Black Lion Yard is no ordinary yard. I asked one bystander how much he guessed as the value of Black Lion Yard's jewels. He was modest and guessed £50,000, but the next one I asked guessed £250,000.

It is, as its name implies, simply a yard. It leads from Whitechapel and then up three steps to Old Montague Street, which is one of the East End's streets of two-storey houses, like a thousand others.

Chiefly Diamonds

Black Lion Yard is 100 yards' long and very narrow. It has about 30 shops. Nearly every one of these is a jeweller's. I counted ten in a row.

It is the East End's Bond Street—or perhaps its Burlington Arcade. It has international connections. Some of the inhabitants have premises in Hatton Garden.

Nearly all are wholesale and manufacturing jewellers as well as retailers. Most are diamond merchants. Some are smart shops that could be transplanted as they stand to Bond Street without feeling "out of it."

Others are more like the offices of long-established solicitors. Others again have what I would call more of a look of Antwerp, and one peers through the window at the balances on the wall as if looking backwards through a hundred years.

For Seven Years

This was the yard which, Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., declared in court, that the Flying Squad had been "watching for seven years" without finding anything.

The case was as much as anything a trial of the honour and the methods of the Flying Squad.

Senior officer of this famous squad, Inspector "Tug" Wilson, was under fire. The defence alleged that he had been paid £60 by the prisoners while a woman private detective employed by them listened in from her hiding place on the stairs in Black Lion Yard.

"It is no use mincing words," the Recorder said during the case. "The gloves are off and the issues are stark. If that is the state of Scotland Yard, then one of the bulwarks of society is a fallacy."

Confidence

The jury's verdict was, in effect, one of confidence in Inspector Wilson and the Flying Squad.

It was with the idea of handling from a distance crime problems too intricate for local detectives that the Flying Squad was originally formed.

Its name has no necessary connection with its wireless-equipped motor-cars, any more than in military terminology a "flying

column" has anything to do with aeroplanes.

"The Yank"

It was on information that a well-known thief called "The Yank" was going to deposit stolen goods at Black Lion Yard that Inspector Wilson began investigations.

The informer, who appeared in court, was accused of being "a copper's mark."

"This is the first offence of which you have been convicted," the Recorder said to Nathan Fishberg. "But for that the consequences would be more serious. I am satisfied that you have been running this business on the line indicated, and all the time you knew the risk you were taking."

RUNAWAY SEES RED —PULLS UP

A runaway horse stopped suddenly at traffic lights in Salisbury. The lights had changed from green to red.

The horse had bolted from Salisbury goods station while the cart was being loaded.

The driver, Mr. Tom Rusher, was flung on his back in the open cart.

Car drivers seeing the approaching horse, with the cart swinging precariously behind it, pulled into the side.

Cyclists hurriedly dismounted and joined pedestrians on the pavements.

Mr. Rusher held on for dear life as the horse swung through the main gate and headed towards the city centre at a fast gallop.

He did his best to get to the reins as the cross roads drew near, but each time a jolt flung him back.

He was prepared for the worst when the traffic lights at the cross roads changed.

The horse immediately checked and stopped at the white line.

Mr. Rusher did not wait to see if the horse would start off again at the green light.

He gathered the reins and led the horse to a safe place.

NORWEGIANS DIE FROM STARVATION

Several people have died from starvation in Norway as a result of the food shortage that followed the German occupation.

According to the "Goeteborgs Tidningen" distress is increasing daily, especially in Oslo, Bergen and towns in the north.

Long queues gather outside meat shops which have nothing to sell.

HE CANNOT RESIST TEMPTING

After 100 convictions, Henry Newton, 69-year-old clerk, admits that he still cannot resist the temptation to travel by train without paying his fare.

The day after leaving Oxford Gaol, on completing a sentence of 21 days for his hundredth offence, Newton again found himself in court, for a similar offence.

It was stated that he took a platform ticket at Oxford G.W.R. Station and boarded a train, but left when the ticket collector came round.

He then went to the L.M.S. station and travelled to Northampton—on his platform ticket.

Asked for his fare, he said he could not pay as he had only threepence.

He was fined 40s., or a month's imprisonment in default.

"GLAD TO INFORM YOU"

An Ankara (Turkey) radio announcer stated: "My dear listeners, we are glad to inform you that the Italian African Empire is completely encircled and its capitulation is a question of days."

PACIFIST GOES

Because of persistent criticism by the townspeople after his refusal, on religious grounds, to become president of the town's War Weapons Week, the pacifist chairman of Bishop's Stortford (Herts) urban council, Mr. W. Hughes, has resigned the chairmanship of the council.

EXPLOSION DEATHS: OFFICER CHARGED

IT WAS ALLEGED at an Aldershot court-martial that an officer's conduct and omissions resulted in an explosion from which three soldiers died and several were injured.

The officer, Second Lieutenant Anthony Ellis Simons, of the Royal Engineers, pleaded not guilty to two charges of prejudicial conduct in ordering a corporal to clear gelignite from an iron tube in which it had stuck without instructing him how to do it or warning him of the danger of the operation, and allowing him to clear the tube in close proximity to other soldiers.

He also pleaded not guilty to a further charge of neglect in failing to ensure that the tube containing gelignite was safely handled and stored during the night.

Major Norman Parkes, prosecuting, said Simons was in charge of a section practising demolition. Some gelignite became

stuck in an iron tube which was being used for blasting.

Simons ordered Corporal Roach, who was in charge of one party, to get two sappers to attempt to clear the tube, but did not tell him how the operation was to be done. Roach failed to clear the tube.

Next day the section returned to the same place and Simons again told Roach to detail two sappers to clear the tube.

Roach found an iron bar which he pushed down the tube while two sappers held it.

There was an explosion, which killed one man and injured several others, standing near two of whom died afterwards.

EMBLEM OF A PAPER CLIP ROUSES NAZI FURY

(By A London Reporter)

A PAPER CLIP and a carnation. These are innocent enough things. But the first, on a Gestapo man in Norway, and the second, on his fellow in Holland, has an effect like that of a red flag on a bull.

For these are symbols. They are symbols of so deep a revolt in these Nazi-occupied lands against Hitler's "New Order" that even Gestapo terror and mass arrests cannot quell it.

Norway is the German's main northern base for the sea and air offensive against Britain: 1,500 arrests have been made there in the last few weeks, but still the people's resistance, hampering Nazi plans, is growing.

Holland, too, is vital; yet even the German Government has had to admit its concern at the opposition there.

And in France, occupied and unoccupied, anti-Nazi ideas are spreading.

Hundreds of thousands of Norwegians openly wear a paper-clip in their coat lapels, so many, in fact, that the Gestapo can do nothing about it without putting half the population behind bars.

Who first thought of it nobody knows. But its significance is impressed upon the Germans because its Norwegian name for paper clip—binder—also means in German, "to hold together."

Leading the Norwegians in their struggle and acting as a link between them and King Haakon and the Norwegian Government in England is a new organisation called Konigshird—the King's followers.

"Time Coming"

Recently every town and village in Norway was flooded with a little green card, bearing the following message from the Konigshird:

"Norwegians! The time is coming when you can take up the struggle with clean weapons. Until then, icy calm and passive resistance!"

The situation became so serious some time ago that Himmler paid a personal visit to Norway to reorganise the Quisling police on Gestapo lines, but resistance has since increased.

Recently ten Norwegians were arrested on the charge of having transmitted information by wireless to the R.A.F., giving the disposition of Nazi depots, anti-aircraft batteries, etc. Three were executed, the rest were condemned to seven years' imprisonment. A fortnight ago three others were arrested on a similar charge.

Illegal papers have made their appearance in several parts of Norway and the Gestapo is busily trying to hunt down the culprits.

The Nazis are applying a rigid censorship in Amsterdam after the indiscreet revelations that serious rioting had broken out in the city.

Duplicating machines have now been banned in France—even in unoccupied France—and it means prison for anyone found with such a machine in his possession unless he has obtained a permit from the authorities.

OATH TEACHERS TAKE TO ADOLF HITLER

Mr. Herwald Ramsbotham, Board of Education President, told Surrey teachers at Surbiton that all German teachers had to swear this oath:

"Adolf Hitler, we swear that we will train the youth of Germany that they grow up in your ideology, for your aims and purposes in the direction set by your will. This is pledged to you by the whole German system of education from the primary school through to the university."

TOO MUCH SAND FOR WOMEN

Women fire-bomb fighters at Wood Green, London, N., have complained that the bags of sand in the streets for fighting incendiary bombs are too heavy for them to lift, if full.

The sandbags weigh 28lb. or more when filled with sand. Now the bags are only half filled.

NIGHT DUTY IN GRAVEYARD - 2S. FOR REFRESHMENTS

Fire watchers on night duty at Islington and St. Pancras cemeteries for twelve hours are to be paid 2s. a night to cover out-of-pocket expenses for refreshments.

This is "in view of the unpleasant nature of this duty," says a St. Pancras Borough Council report.

AFFRONT TO M.P.S

—Says Speaker

The Speaker of the House of Commons has ruled that a prima facie case of breach of privilege had been made out against a firm of solicitors.

This firm, Joynton-Hicks and Company, wrote a letter, published in "The Times," on behalf of Mr. Weininger, one of the witnesses before the Boothby Committee.

The Speaker was asked if publication of the letter by "The Times" was also a breach of privilege.

He replied: "I should say it was, but that would come before the Committee of Privileges rather than before me."

Mr. Spens (Con., Ashford) said the letter was written to challenge, on behalf of Weininger, the existence of any facts for one of the principal findings of the Select Committee.

An Apology

It was a very serious matter, said Mr. Spens, for a responsible firm of solicitors to write a letter for publication directly challenging the existence of facts on which the findings of the Select Committee were based after their report had been approved by the House, and to support the challenge by the "facts as they know them."

The Speaker ruled that a prima facie case of breach of privilege had been made out, and Mr. Spens moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Colonel Gretton said he had learned that a letter offering an apology to the House was being prepared by those concerned. The House agreed to adjourn the discussion until the letter had been received.

ENJOY CASH --DON'T WED

—Advice In Will

"Enjoy this legacy -- but don't get married," was the advice given in her will by a wealthy widow who left £3,550 and property to her maid.

In the will, Mrs. Alice Leheup, of Linton Road, Hastings, Sussex, left Miss Mabel Robbins £3,550, certain Government stock, her freehold house in Hastings and property in London.

"I am anxious for her to enjoy this, and I expressly desire her to remain unmarried," the widow said.

Mrs. Leheup's niece, Mrs. Nellie Herring, told a reporter.

"As far as I know Mabel Robbins never had any intention to wed."

"My aunt was afraid someone unworthy might try to wed her just for the money."

"But I am sure the fortune will make no difference to Miss Robbins's views now."

Strangers Barred

"She was too faithful a servant even to consider going against her mistress's wish."

"She was with my aunt for twenty-five years. She is middle-aged, and lives with her parents in a cottage at Hollington, just outside Hastings."

Mrs. Leheup left £23,810.

Bar all strangers from my room and let on my personal maid touch my clothes -- these were the instructions in the will of Miss Caroline Louisa Hart, of Hereford Road, Bayswater, W., who left £41,830. She was aged ninety-two.

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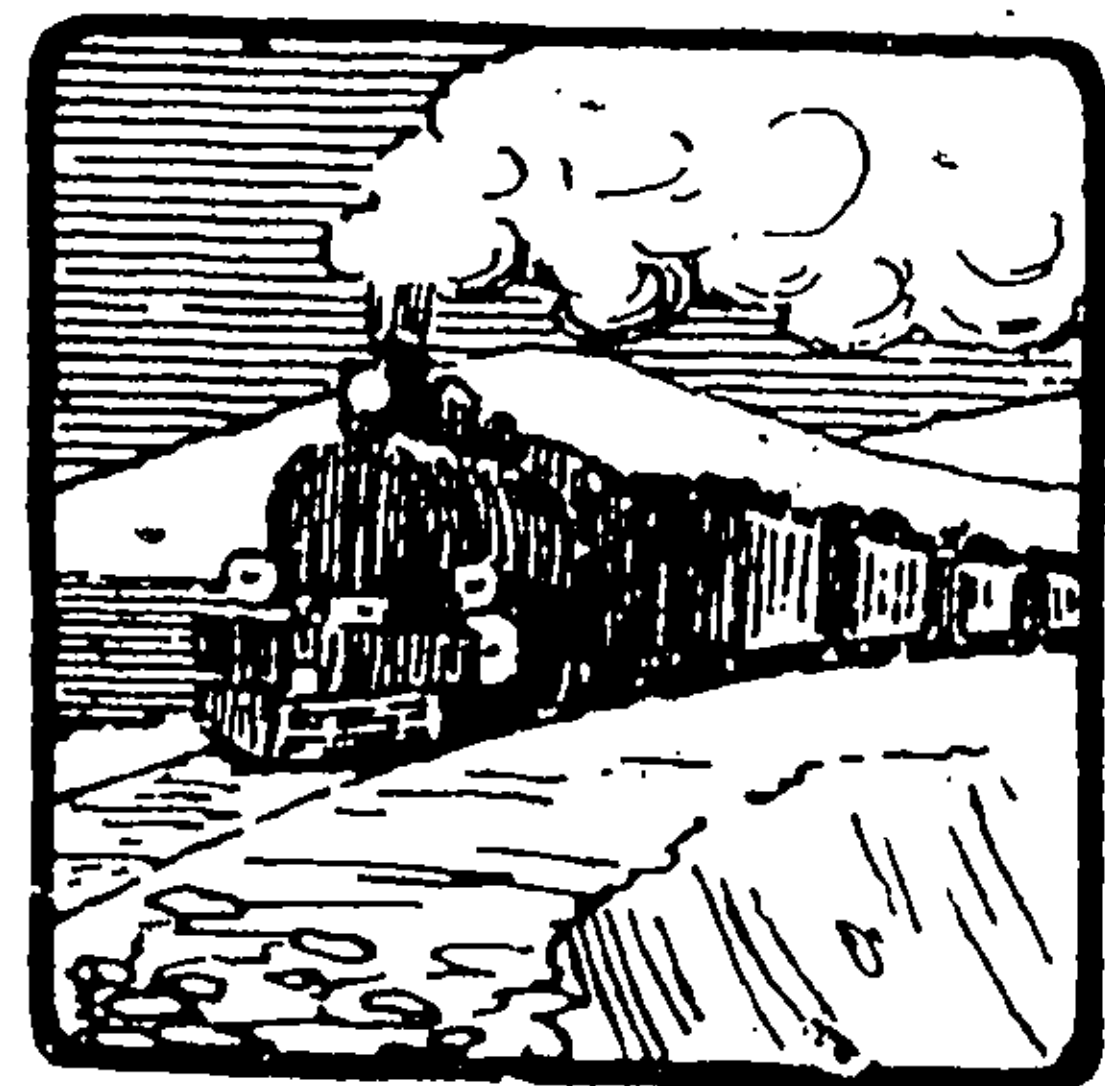
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE LAST LAUGH By The Four Aces

"Here's one of those he-who-laughs-last affairs," writes W. Vernon Tietjen, of St. Louis.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 10 7 6
♦ A 10 9 8 6 4
♣ A J 10

♠ 9 8 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 3
♣ Q 7 6 4 3

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♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 4
♣ Q 5 3

♠ A K J
♥ J 8 2
♦ K J 7 2
♣ K 9 8

Mr. Tietjen

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	Pass

"This bidding may have the blind staggers, but at least we reached the right contract. The heart King was opened and taken in dummy. A heart seemed the only loser, although I had a vague hunch about something queer in the diamond suit, chiefly because of dummy's void."

"But not being able to find any reason for playing trumps one way or the other, I proceeded to guess wrong by playing low up to the King."

"East naturally got a huge kick out of that, particularly when I booted over the wastebasket in sheer frenzy. I was on the verge of tossing the hand in for down one, but remembering about getting that last man out in the ninth, and for lack of any better play, I took the diamond Ace and then presented my wise foe with his Queen."

"He squirmed then tossed out the wrong lead—a spade. The Jack held, making it possible to discard three hearts from dummy! Then, since West was marked for long clubs, I guessed the club finesse and made the contract. You should have seen East's disgust when he noticed he could have beaten the hand with a club return!"

While we join Mr. Tietjen in his hearty last laugh, we recommend to our readers his statement about getting that last man out in the ninth. Don't give up the ship!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:

Meier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one spade. It is unwise to make a trap pass, since the enemy will probably go to some other suit. There is no advantage in doubling for a takeout, since game is unlikely unless your partner can bid without being forced.

Score 100% for one spade, 50% for pass or double.

Question No. 704

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Meier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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"BLACK JUSTICE" CRY IN BLACKED-OUT COURT

TORCHES AND cigarette lighters flickering in a mysteriously blacked-out court, one prisoner moaning in a faint in the dock, another, his son, yelling abuse at the chief of the Flying Squad through the darkness and crying "Black Justice," a woman's screams — these were the ingredients of one of the most astonishing scenes ever enacted at the Old Bailey recently.

It followed the jury's verdict of Guilty against Nathan Fishberg and his son, Harry Charles Fishberg, Whitechapel jewellers, charged with receiving stolen jewellery worth £1,100. According to the police, the Fishbergs' premises in Black Lion Yard, off Whitechapel Road, E., had been a "dump for stolen goods" for years.

Beside them in the dock was William Bruce, a 29-year-old blacklayer, who was found guilty of stealing two suitcases containing the jewellery.

Bruce has been nicknamed "The Yank" by members of the Flying Squad. One of the witnesses was called a "mark" by counsel.

Case Of Surprises

After a case of surprises, during which Det.-Insp. Alfred Wilson, called "Tag" Wilson by his Flying Squad colleagues, was accused by the defence of promising to "fix" the case for a large sum of money, the denouement came as the greatest surprise of all.

The jury had given their verdicts, Chief Insp. Peter Beveridge, head of the Flying Squad, had recited the men's careers, when a woman flung up her arms and moaned loudly. She was the wife of the elder Fishberg.

Her screams could still be heard after she had been led from the court. Nathan Fishberg turned white and he fainted just as a policeman got to his side.

Harry Fishberg, shaking his first, yelled at Chief Insp. Beveridge, "Why do you do this, you swine, you?"

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., was pleading that the elder Fishberg was obviously a sick man and the son was waving his arms from his father to the Bench, when the lights suddenly went out.

"It's justice, Black Justice!" screamed Harry Fishberg as torches and lighters were turned on the dock and bathed the scene in an eerie light. "This is the kind of justice you get in this court, Black Justice!"

Through the darkness could be heard the voice of the unseen Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, saying in unmoved tones, "We will adjourn till to-morrow."

Lights On Again

Shortly after the court was cleared the lights went on again as they went out. No defect could be found to explain the five-minute failure, which was confined to Court 2. A more complete examination is being made by electricians.

Earlier in the day Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., who appeared for the Fishbergs, addressing the jury over the heads of four members of the Flying Squad, including Insp. Wilson and his chief, said: "With the greatest regret I have to suggest that Insp. Wilson is an unprincipled rascal, that he got hold of these miserable little people in this shop in the East End of London and blackmailed them out of £60."

"Regrettable though it is, it is a good thing, if it is true, that it has been brought to light, and no one will regard it with greater satisfaction than Chief Insp. Beveridge, because if it is true he does not want that man in the C.I.D."

"There is a very nasty taste about this case."

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., for the prosecution, declared that Insp. Wilson had been "framed." He had done the one thing a blackmailer would not have done. He took the Fishbergs to the police station at the first opportunity.

"These men in the dock are wicked men of cunning and ingenuity, who, when driven into a tight corner, will stop at nothing to extricate themselves," he said.

The Recorder, summing up, spoke of the allegations made against the police, and commented: "It is the state of Scotland Yard, then, one of the bulwarks of society is a fallacy. Indeed, it has become a menace."

MOTHER REGAINS CHILD

A mother has won her fight, begun in October, 1938, for the custody of her son, aged six.

She told the Romford (Essex) magistrates that she did not think it right that he should be separated from both parents, even though he is now in a safe area in Wales.

She is Mrs. Muriel Harvey Keens, of Church Pulverbatch, Shropshire, who again applied for the care of her boy, David. Her application succeeded.

Last September a Divorce Divisional Court transferred the custody of the child from his mother to his father, so that he could go from her house in Gravesend to a safer home at Llangollen.

No Sirens There

The father is Mr. Harry Bowyer Keens, a Ministry of Health inspector, who formerly lived in the Romford district, but who is now at Peterborough. Mr. Keens's parents live at Llangollen.

At Romford the mother said both she and her husband could only see the boy at intervals. She had a good home and she considered it safer than Llangollen.

Mr. Keens said he had never heard sirens at Llangollen.

Miss Keighley, the chairman, said the mother had now a home in Shropshire — a district which was probably safer than Llangollen. In his own interests the boy should be in the care of his mother.

EMIR AT R.A.F. PARADE

A brilliant ceremony took place at the Royal Air Force Station at Amman, Transjordan, when His Highness, the Emir Abdullah, attended a ceremonial parade to celebrate his appointment as an Air Commodore of the Royal Air Force. His Highness was in R.A.F. uniform.

The Emir is the senior living Prince of the Hashimite family who served with the British in the War of 1914-1918.

Transjordan and R.A.F. flags flew side by side at the parade and the khaki and red uniforms of the band of the Arab Legion and the blue of the R.A.F. made a gay setting.

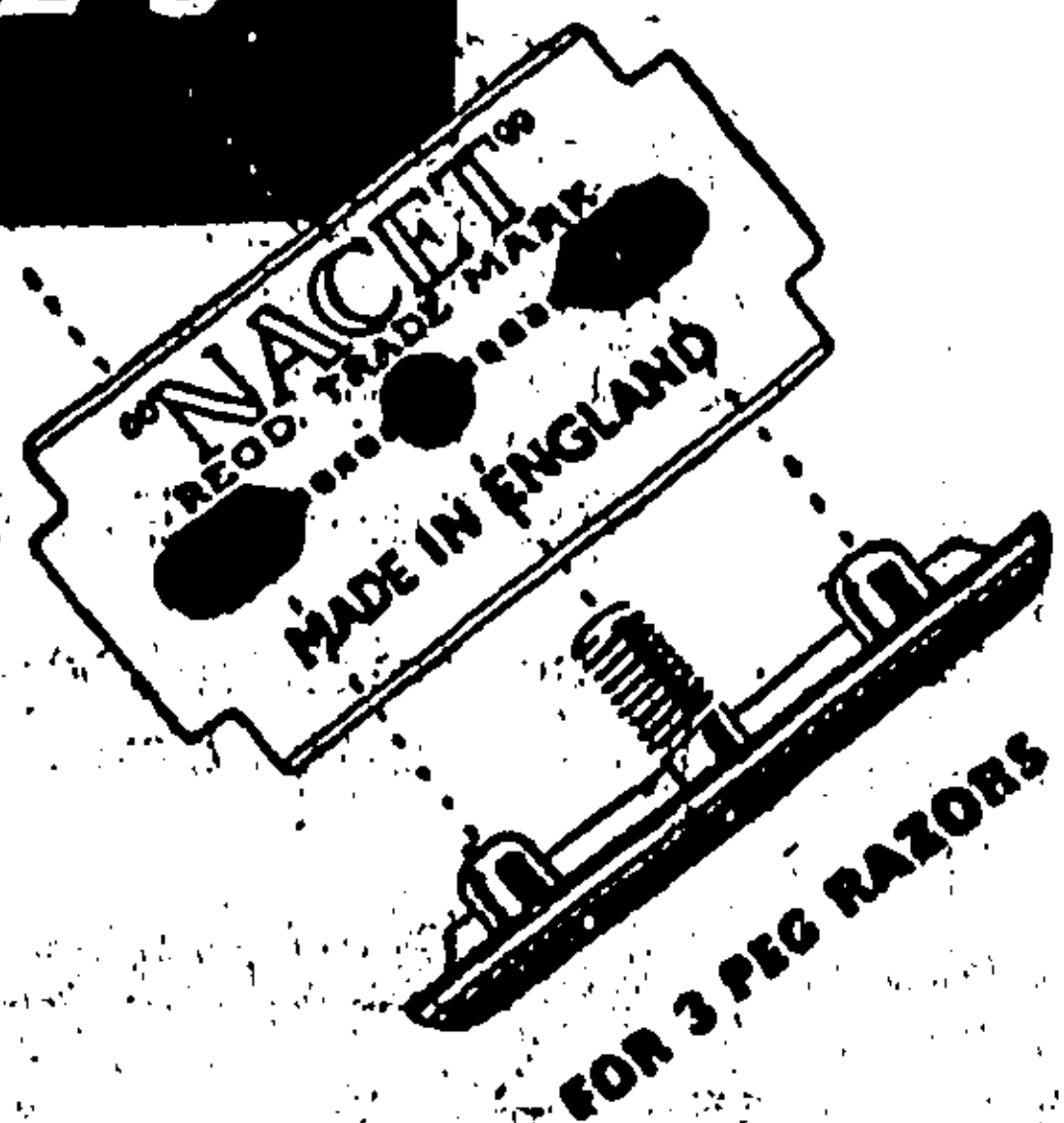
The personal pennant of an Air Commodore was handed to the Emir by the Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Station, and when the Emir had expressed his thanks, his standard was broken at the mast-head. The parade gave the Royal Salute and advanced in review order.

First came the airmen, then an impressive drive past of armoured cars and a fly past of aircraft. The officers were presented to the Emir, who expressed his great pride at "becoming a member of the Royal Air Force and thus re-joining the British fighting forces."

His Highness attended a performance at the Camp Cinema where the first film, dedicated to himself, showed the work of the R.A.F. in the Near East and some of its latest exploits.

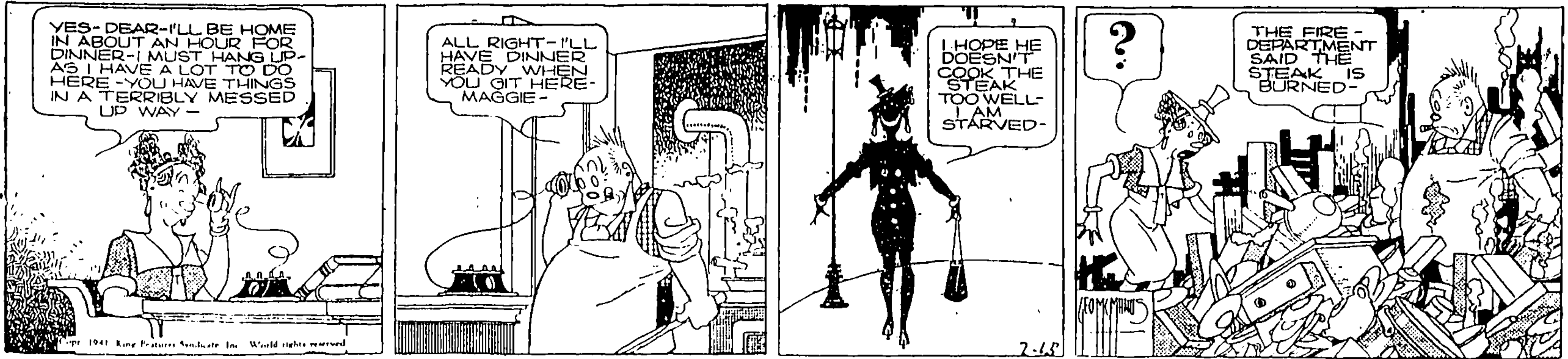
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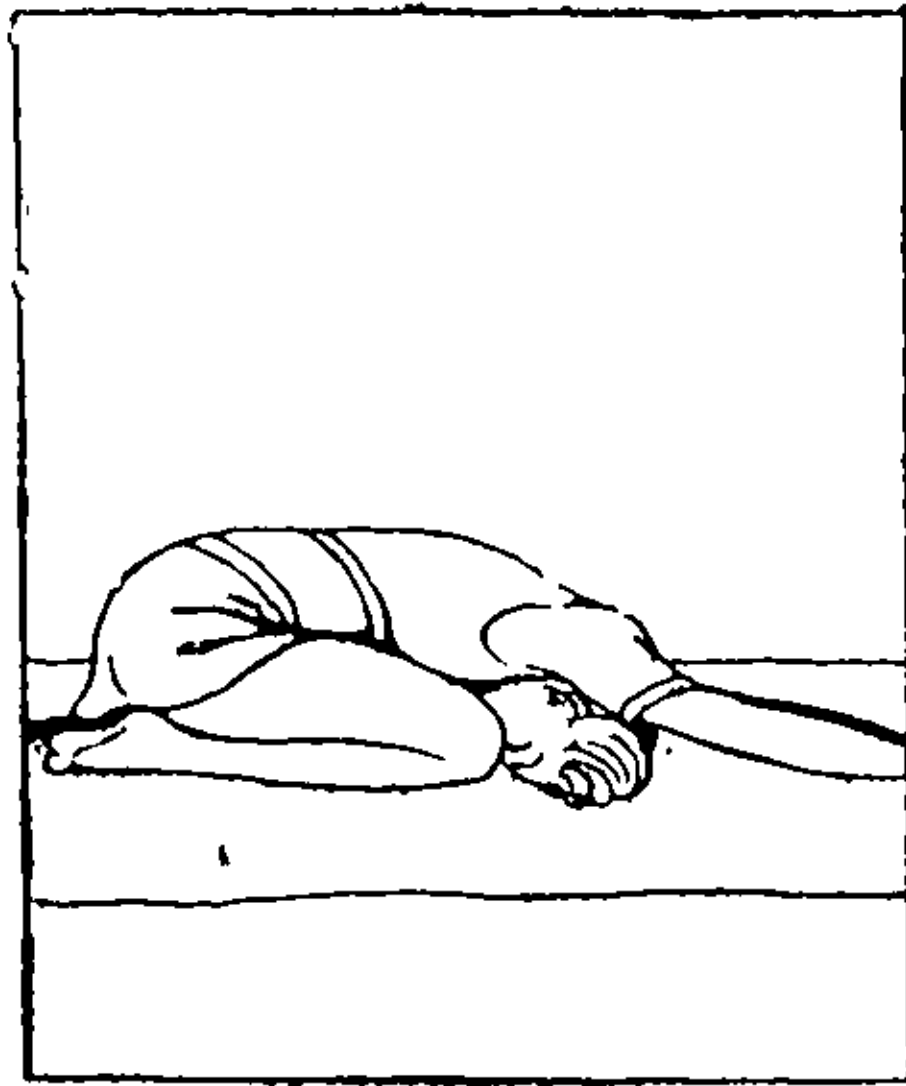
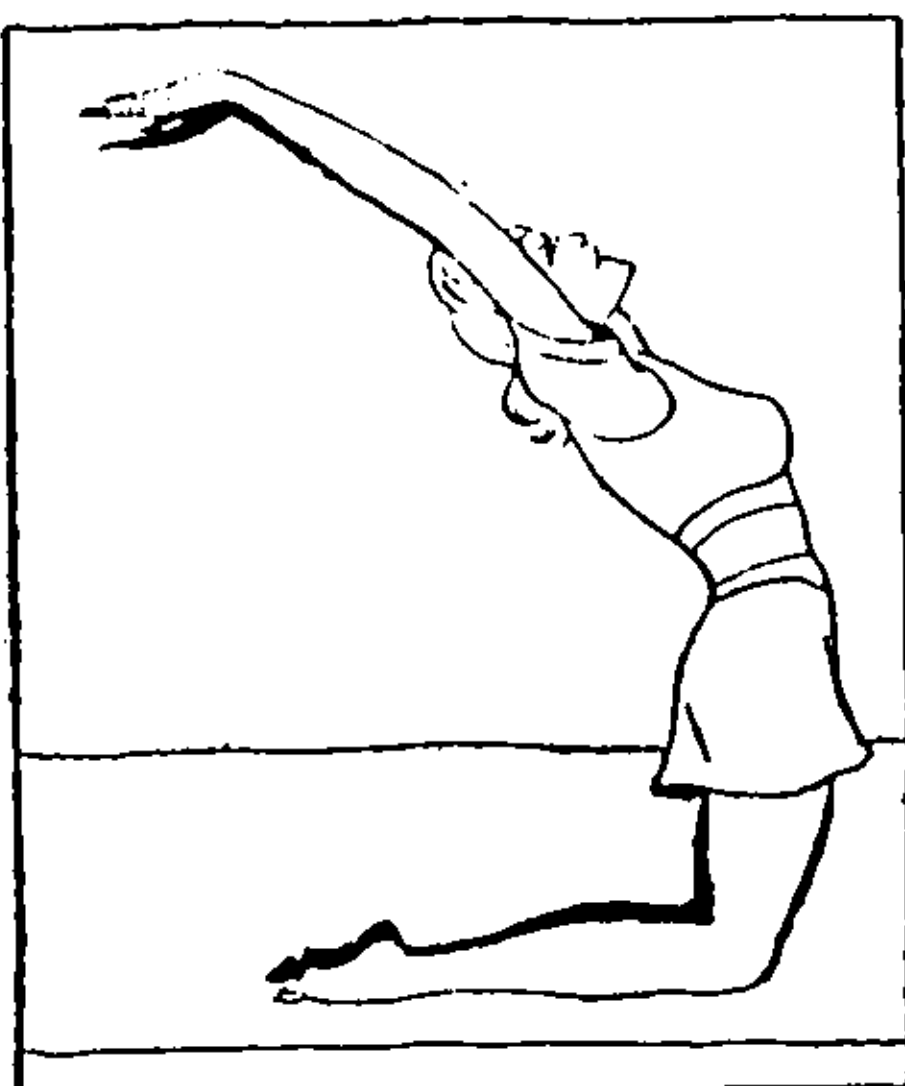
By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

For the Mature Woman

The mature woman's chief figure flaws are stooped shoulders, flabby abdomen, dropped bust and thickening waist, heavy thighs and hips. These are the most common—a woman may have all or she may be guilty of just one or two. Fortunately, all of these figure faults may be corrected through exercise if the woman will first banish any joint stiffness. The body must be limbered before it can be re-contoured. Many older women are now joining exercise classes at salons or gymnasiums long term affairs—where they can start gradual limbering and work up to reducing and refashioning. Such a course is bound to lengthen one's life span for when a mature woman becomes much overweight she is flirting with poor health. Here is a programme of exercises which any mature woman can practice daily.



Here is another good exercise for mature women. From the kneeling position stretch high before bending slowly over to Movement 2. Abdomen is held in and up throughout.

Exercise 1: Sit on the floor, stretch arms upward and rock hips hard from side to side. Then lie back slowly until head touches the floor, relax, and sit up slowly. Repeat ten times. This is a good hip-slimmer.

Exercise 2: Lie on the floor, stretch your right arm upward and your right leg downward at the same time, trying to make one side of your body longer than the other. Alternate on the other

side and repeat eight times. Very good for posture and co-ordination of muscles.

Exercise 3: Stand up straight and, keeping elbows high, push the fist of one hand against the palm of the other. Push hard, relax and repeat. This strengthens muscles of the bust, and helps to straighten stooped shoulders. BUT KEEP YOUR ELBOWS HIGH THROUGHOUT EXERCISE.

Exercise 4: Stand erect, hold a

jumping rope or a lithe-line. Curl toes of one foot over it, pushing heel lower than toes. Keeping knee straight, raise the leg high as you can in front of you—pushing on the rope with curled toes. (CONTRACT ABDOMEN MUSCLES HARD AT THE SAME TIME. This is an excellent exercise if done properly. It firms abdomen, hips, thighs and is splendid for tired feet and lowered arches.

Curb High Calorie Foods

You can get rid of undesired extra pounds and gain in figure beauty, health and happiness if you will determine to curb high calorie foods and exercise daily. The combination of exercise and limited menus is the only safe means of slimming.

You must plan a reducing programme and stick to it. Figure out how many pounds you must lose to look slim and attractive. Don't flinch if the number is pretty high, simply determine to stick to your reducing programme until the pounds are dropped but that may take from six to eight weeks or longer. Many women fail to reduce because they do not

follow their programme long enough—they give up because the effort is too great.

Curb Calories

Eat less of concentrated, rich foods which are those of many calories. Especially avoid cake, candy, jelly, mayonnaise, pastry, fried foods, ice cream, whipped cream, ripe olives, and olive oil.

Avoid overeating and taking food between meals, chew carrots or celery if you become hungry. Thorough chewing of food and slow eating help you prevent eating too much at any one meal. But do not skip meals—you become so hungry if you do that you stuff yourself the next meal, and stretch your stomach.

Use salt sparingly. Drink all the water you want between meals

but only one-half glass with a meal. None if possible. Be sure to avoid constipation through exercise or use a non-fattening, drugless laxative when necessary.

Learn Your Foods

These foods are low in calorie content—eat of these: lettuce, spinach, celery, tomatoes, mushrooms, asparagus, endive, beet greens, swiss chard, brussels sprouts, water cress, okra, melons, pears, peaches, skimmed milk, buttermilk, clear broth.

These foods are high in calories content—eat sparingly of these: butter, cream, mayonnaise, ripe olives, cake, pie, candy, nuts, most meats, gravies, cream cheese, fried food, cream soups, cookies, ice cream, bacon especially, hot biscuits.



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12.30 p.m.—Light Symphony Orchestra with Harold Williams (Baritone).

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Benno Moisevitich (Piano) and Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).

(a) Flirtations in a Chinese Garden; (b) Rush Hour in Hong Kong (Chasins). Impromptu in A Flat (Chopin). Benno Moisevitich (Piano). Tango (Albeniz); Orientale (Cul).... Emanuel Feuermann (Cello). Invitation to the Waltz (Weber).... Benno Moisevitich (Piano). Her Bright Smile Haunts me Still (Wrighton). Gavotta and Allegro (Valentini). Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

Organ Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard). Melody in F (Rubinstein). Edward O'Henry Vocal. You Are My Love Song. My Heart Will Be Dancing (both from film "L'Alce Domino"). Michael Bartlett (Tenor). Organ "Show of Shows". Selection Edward O'Henry with New Mayfair Orchestra Vocal. There's Something in the Air (from "Banjo on my Knee"). Ruth Elling with Orchestra. Two Pianos. Slow Fox-Trot Medley Intro. So Many Memories. Don't Ever Change. Little Heaven of the Seven Seas. Jack Dent & Morris Moore.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

Quickstep—Good Evening, Good Look. Rumba—This Is the Kiss of Romance. Henry Hall & his Orch. Fox-Trots. The Spider and the Fly. Jump Jump's Here. The Milt Heath Quartet. Quickstep—Honey-suckle Rose. Slow Fox-Trot—Souvenirs. The Quintet of the Hot Club of France with Django Reinhardt (Guitar) and Stephane Grappelly (Violin). Fox-Trots—Let's Stop the Clock; There's a Ranch in the Rockies. Gerald & his Orch. Waltz—Dreaming. Alex Moore & Mantovani's Orchestra for Dancing.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Ketelbey. Bells across the Meadow. The London Palladium Orchestra. In a Monastery Garden. Reginald Foort (Organ). In the Moonlight. The London Palladium Orch. Algerian Scene; The Phantom Melody. Albert Sandler (Violin). Sanctuary of the Heart; The Sacred Hour. The London Palladium Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Liszt—"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1. Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Dohnanyi—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 15.

1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Presto acciaccato; 3rd Mov.: Molto adagio. Flonzaley Quartet.

8.55 p.m.—A Song.

My Dearest Heart (Sullivan)... Doris Vane (Soprano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

"Home and Beauty" (C. B. Cochran).... Magda Neeld, Janet Lind & Webster Booth. "Charlotte's Masquerade"—Selection.... New Mayfair Orchestra. The Riddle Scene (from "Swing Along").... Leslie Henson, Fred Emney and Richard Hearne. Bridge of Lovers—"Careless Rapture" (Ivor Novello).... Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra, solo.

Olive Gilbert. Musical Comedy—Selection—Intro.: The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Merry Widow Waltz (Merry Widow); Spread a Little Happiness (Mr. Cinderella); Roll away Clouds (Virginia)... Garda Hall & George Baker.

9.45 p.m.—Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Clapham & Dwyer (Comedians).

Kunz Revivals, No. 17—Intro.: Love is everywhere; Every single little tingle of my heart; Roll along, prairie moon; The wheel of the wagon is broken; Love me forever; It's an old Southern custom.... Charlie Kunz (Piano).

Golf.... Clapham and Dwyer.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ.

Torch Parade, No. 2—Intro.: The Woodpecker Song; Too Romantic; A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square; Arm in Arm (Just you and me); If I should fall in love again; You gorgeous dancing Doll.

There'll Always Be an England (Parker & Charles)... with Raymond Newell (Vocal).

10.25 p.m.—New Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—You're Dangerous; You Lucky People, You (both from film "Road to Zanzibar").... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Sing 'em Low; Rumba—Danza Lucumi.... Artie Shaw & his Orch. Fox-Trots—It's Always You; Birds of a Feather (both from film "Road to Zanzibar").... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Waltz—I'll Always Love You.... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

'COSTER JOE' LIKED A SCRAP

COSTERMONGER JOE is all the talk down Lambeth Walk to-day. It was his Bren gun carrier that led the desert dash which cut off the Italian retreat from Benghazi to Tripoli. He figured in the news.

And all Lambeth knows Joe Hawley. Not that he's a costermonger—he has been a regular soldier for over three years—but he is friendly with all the costers, used to give them a hand in between working as a waiter.

Until the Dairy Mirror printed the story of Joe's dash, not a word of him had reached Lambeth for nine months. But they knew he would be well up with the fighting, because wherever there was a scrap there was Joe.

Full Of Fun

"If there was a fight anywhere, Joe was always in front," his mother told me, "ready to see that right was done."

"There wasn't anybody down the Walk with more grit than Joe. Full of fun, ready to fight if anybody challenged him, and always in the middle of everything," said the Guv'nor, landlord of the Black Dog.

Lambeth was not surprised that Joe and his comrades were wearing red Arab neckerchiefs when they reached the Mediterranean coast, south of Benghazi. A red neckerchief is just the kind of thing Joe would go for out there.

"He was always a one for taking people off," said his mother. "Many a time at a party he has gone away, taken everything off, and come in with a towel round him, as an Arab."

Sweetheart's Joy

"Now he'll know just what the Arabs wear."

But even though Lambeth knew Joe would be in the middle of it all, there were anxious thoughts about him during the months without news.

Bessie Martin his sweetheart—"Bess wouldn't recognise me," said Joe in the Desert -- told me yesterday. "We have sent him cables and letters, but the last we heard was last May, when I got a letter saying he was in hospital at the time."

"But the news of him now is better than a letter."

"We are going to be married as soon as he can get back, but I'd like to be out there nearer to him. I've known him ever since we were children, but it is only in the last three years that we have been sweethearts."

"Bet He Looked Good"

"I wish I could have seen him in his red handkerchief and his stubby red beard. I bet he looked good."

Joe's mother was bubbling over with joy. "It's a lovely day," she said "but now I don't care if it snows."

"I was just writing to his brother, Billy, in the artillery, when you called. I shall tell him to look in the 'Daily Mirror' to see all about the hero of Benghazi."

All the Hawley family have been in the fighting forces. Bill and Joe are in the Army and Harry was invalided out a few weeks ago.

The three sisters are all married to fighting men. Norah, the youngest, was married to an airman only recently.

Lambeth is proud of Joe, and when he comes home there will be a proper jollification.

Fox-Trots—I'm Always Chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld Girl"); Keep an Eye on your Heart.... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra. Rumba—Yi, Yi, Yi, Yi, Yi; Fox-Trot—Good Night (both from film "That Night in Rio").... Leo Reisman & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

FATHER TOO KIND

A father who had been bound over for cruelty to his fifteen-year-old daughter went to the other extreme and spoilt her so much that she became out of control.

This story was told at Peterborough (Northamptonshire) Juvenile Court by the probation officer when the girl, tall and attractive, was sent to an approved school for breach of her recognisances.

Last April, according to the girl's mother, the girl's father, stripped her and beat her with a rubber pipe for staying out late. After a visit from an N.S.P.C.C. inspector the father went to the other extreme.

"He was too kind," said Miss Adams, the probation officer. "He took her on long cycle rides and her attitude to her mother changed to defiance. I told her father to take her out a little less and give more attention to his wife."

Too Mother's Clothes

The girl disappeared in August after complaints by her employers that she took three hours to deliver a parcel around the corner. She had spent the time with men.

To give her an interest in the home, the mother went out to work, leaving the girl in charge. As soon as the mother had gone, the daughter went to her men friends.

The mother hid her clothes, but the daughter took some of her mother's and even went out in her father's coat. She bribed her young brothers and sisters to say nothing.

In January she ran away and hid a few nights in an air-raid shelter, but was so cold and hungry that she crept into a friend's house and was found in the early hours sitting on the stairs. She was taken home but she ran away again.

FACTORY HIT BUT WOMEN WORKED ON

MANY WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED AT A YORKSHIRE FACTORY PRODUCING AN ARTICLE URGENTLY NEEDED BY THE R.A.F.

The factory roof had been destroyed in a raid and the girls and women went straight back as soon as their machines could be cleared.

They sat in the open and finished that order so that delivery might take place and the work of the Air Force not be impeded.

This story, illustrating the willingness of British workers for war service was told by the Minister of Labour in a broadcast to Canada.

"It is a splendid thing," he said, "to see the men in the workshop carrying on while the planes zoom overhead and week by week helping the war effort by buying Savings Certificates. It makes you feel very proud of the people."

SAUSAGES BOUGHT BY DUKE

The Duke of Kent threw down a shilling and picked up a pound of sausages and his penny change in Bristol.

Before he left the shop, sausages in hand, he paused to let General Sir Hugh Elles, Regional Commissioner, and Alderman T. Underdown, the Lord Mayor, collect a pound each as well.

The Duke had been walking through the main shopping street when he saw Isaac John Harris, aged forty-six, standing at a door with a string of pink sausages in his hand.

He stopped to ask how the building had escaped.

In an instant Mr. Harris, an ex-Serviceman, had persuaded him to step downstairs to the sausage factory.

So anxious was he to get the machine working that he took hold of the Duke's shoulders and moved him to one side.

Then, as the sausages came rolling out, he picked up a pound, wrapped them up, and handed them over.

"It's a gift," he said.

But the Duke insisted on paying.

Then he asked Mrs. D. B. Lee, senior woman shop assistant, how the firm had managed to carry on.

"We have been here the whole time working on our own with the street boarded off to the public, but we have done well," said Mrs. Lee.

"All Right Now"

"We couldn't get the machine working for a week after the November fire bliz, but we are all right now."

Later, as the Duke walked along a damaged street, he noticed a party of soldiers who had been clearing the debris and stopped to speak to them.

They sprang to attention in a line, but Sapper Young had been caught in the middle of eating his dinner.

Concealing his sandwich in one large hand as he stood gazing rigidly in front of him, his cheeks bulged as he chewed frantically while the Duke spoke to the lance-corporal next to him.

With one agonised gulp he managed to dispose of his last bite just as the Duke smiled and asked him how he was getting on with the clearing up.

He could answer only with an uneasy grin — either because he was not sure if the Duke's words had a double meaning or his predicament had struck him dumb.

INEXORABLE PURPOSE OF DEMOCRACIES

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ganda is coming over in waves — not of the future but of the present. In one more despairing effort to sap our will power, for this is one of the great weapons in the German armoury, he uses it with no greater scruple than he uses his other engines of destruction, but we have it always in our power to defeat it.

Our own will and our own faith are our best defenders, provided that they constantly inspire our action with their own resolution.

More than two thousand years ago, the great Athenian spoke over the graves of his countrymen who had died in defence of their sovereign city words which have never ceased to move the hearts of men:

"There was no one of the fallen," he said, "who, preferring the further enjoyment of his life was thereby grown cowardly, for they fled no death but shame, and with their bodies they stood out the battle."

The call may not come to us all in the same form that it came to the Athenians of old, but if when judgment is recorded on these present days we are found to stand in the spirit of that tradition, then none of us need fear for the triumph of our cause.

Poisoned Spinster Ran Away From Gossip

GOSSIP IS SAID to have driven Miss Elizabeth Byford — whose mystery poison death police have been trying to solve for the last ten months — from the busy market town of Bridport, where she ran a grocery stores.

Within eight weeks of leaving this town, setting for some of Thomas Hardy's novels, Elizabeth Byford was dead. She died in a Plymouth hospital under the name of "Mrs. Fiske" in April last.

Her body was exhumed four months later and at the inquest recently Dr. Roche Lynch, Home Office analyst, said he had found a very large quantity of arsenic in her body.

It was in 1939 that this frail, forty-seven-year-old spinster with a legacy of several thousand pounds set up business in Bridport under the name of "Mrs. Fiske." She stayed for a year, and then suddenly disappeared without telling any one where she was going.

Tracing The Stock

Ever since letters have been arriving for "Mrs. Fiske" at the little double-fronted shop she kept at the end of the town.

Some of the police have seen, others still wait to be claimed.

Detectives have made many inquiries in Bridport. They have tried to trace the stock she had in her shop, and find out whether she sold fly-papers — from which arsenic can be obtained.

Mr. F. Welch town crier of Bridport, said: "I let the shop to 'Mrs. Fiske' for a year. The agreement was not signed by her, but by somebody else. She moved to Bridport from Lodgers, a hamlet three miles away, where she had lived in an old farmhouse."

"At first there was a good stock in the shop, cash grocery and tobaccoist 'Mrs. Fiske,' who always seemed to be smoking, served."

Will Mystery

"One day, just before she went away, I went into the shop and asked for something. 'Mrs. Fiske' said she was sorry, she could not serve me, as she felt too ill to reach the article down from one of the top shelves. When the lease was up she said she was going away."

"She packed up and left, taking everything with her — even the keys — but they were later returned to me by post from the cornish village of St. Ann's Chapel, to which she had moved."

"She was a quiet, shy woman, and I think she must have been frightened away by gossip that went on. She seemed to have plenty of money, but seldom went out."

Police are still trying to trace a will the woman may have made. They have already amassed a huge volume of statements on the strange wanderings of Elizabeth Byford in the West Country after her mother died. These facts may be disclosed when the inquest is resumed.

LOCAL MEDICAL REGISTER

The question of permitting qualified medical practitioners who do not possess qualifications normally acceptable for local registration to register in Hong Kong for the duration of the war has been carefully considered by local medical organisations.

The Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association expressed itself as unanimously opposed to the suggestion.

A majority of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the British Medical Association also opposed the proposal.

In view of this very definite expression of opinion against the extension of the local register, the Medical Board, by a majority, decided that the matter should not be pursued further.

NEW OVER MODES THERE

By A Special Correspondent

Cotton dominates the most tantalising fashion show ever staged by British designers — tantalising because British women will not be able to see either the new gowns or the fabrics.

A few selected mannequins, sworn to secrecy, will parade the models before South American women.

No one here may see the new styles, but I saw some of the fabrics chosen by British manufacturers to make our "South American Shop Window."

Most of the materials were of cotton, but cotton translated into a glamour fabric, filmy and delicate for evening gowns, brightly printed for afternoons, and modelled into slick English tailor-mades.

There were pastel Paisley prints which looked like rare French silks, and bold flower designs for suits.

High-Neck Vogue

English tweeds, famous for their colourings, had been woven in pastel checks for summer South America.

There were gay rayons for evening all brightly patterned.

Most of the gowns have high necks and elbow-length sleeves. That is as much as you may know about them.

Designers find that South American women disapprove of low necks or bare backs.

Knee-length skirts also have to be made two or three inches longer before South American women will wear them.

One little secret you may be let into — round necks, richly embroidered, will be most popular.

SMALLEST FIRE WATCHER DIES IN POND

After leaving his home at Danbury, near Chelmsford, to go on fire-watching duty for the first time, Ernest Stanley Upton, the village butcher, fell into a pond and was drowned.

The pond was 5ft. deep, but Upton was only 4ft. 6in. in height. He was believed to be the smallest fire-watcher in Essex.

At the inquest at Chelmsford, the widow said her husband was due to start duty at midnight, and when he left the house for the post a few minutes before he was "a bit tottery," having drunk two-thirds of a bottle of sherry.

Shortly after he had left, carrying a torch, she heard a splash and found her husband had fallen in the pond. He had been drinking late because he was worried about his business. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was recorded.

LEFT CHURCH, FOUGHT FIRE

The vicar of Knuzden, a village near Blackburn, and the verger led firefighters at a cottage in which a parishioner, Miss Annie Leigh, aged forty-two, was burnt to death.

The house was seen to be ablaze after the close of Sunday evening's service. Entry was forced, and with a stirrup pump the fire was got under control.

ENCOUNTER OVER BREST

Some days ago a Hampden bomber was taking part in a raid on Brest, which the Germans are now using as a naval base. It was a night of thick and low lying cloud, and the pilot of this bomber was not fortunate enough to meet with any patches of clear sky.

He decided to dive through the clouds; he found their base at 3,500 feet, but to see his target more clearly he came down another thousand feet or so. In spite of a fierce barrage from both sides of the harbour, and though our bomber was firmly held in the beams of three sea lights, the pilot was just about to make his attack when he saw an enemy fighter — he could not be sure of its type — a thousand feet above and immediately in front of him.

Our bomber must have been brilliantly lit by the searchlights, for the enemy at once went into a dive and began a head-on attack. The rear gunner saw tracer bullets flying past him on both sides, but his pilot made a steep turn to the right, then lost height, and made a steep turn to the left; by these tactics he appears to have shaken off the enemy which made no attempt to follow when its dive had carried it past our bomber.

Our aircraft had lost so much height while avoiding the enemy that it was now flying at about 1,500 feet; the pilot made a second run over the target. He saw the dry dock plainly — the air was very clear below the clouds — and dropped a stick of bombs right across it.

He then turned his gun against one of the offending searchlights which had pointed him out to the enemy fighter and a short burst immediately put it out.

All the while, and even during the enemy fighter's attack, the Germans had been putting up a heavy barrage. Our bomber was hit by a shell. When it had reached home a tear was found in the port side of the leading edge of the tail plane; but it takes more than that to keep our aircraft from their targets.

POLICEMEN PLAY IN THEIR GAS MASKS

Metropolitan policemen are taking intensive refresher courses in anti-gas training.

If the time for gas raids comes, they will be ready with the latest knowledge on how to fight all known gases.

Policemen are wearing their masks when off duty to get accustomed to working for long spells in them.

In their section houses they play billiards and table tennis in them.

There is no intention of wearing the masks on duty.



Toys do not always quieten the 'cross' baby

Graduate nurse tells of treatment used for her own baby girl.

When toys fail to please baby you may be sure that something is wrong. A Canadian nurse, Mrs. Mary E. Crosthwaite of Freeman, Ontario, tells of the treatment she found successful when her own baby girl was fretful. "My little girl was a small delicate baby at birth, always constipated and cross. When she was a month old I bought Baby's Own Tablets and was so pleased with the results obtained I have used them constantly ever since when baby has been cross, feverish, teething, or at the first signs of a cold."

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Information is now to hand regarding the Tennis League, which starts officially on Monday, May 19 and, except in Second Division, in which only six teams are taking part, splendid support has been given.

The composition of the League will be as follows:

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FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures for
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CDR	v	S.C.A.A.
HKCC	v	KCC
S.C.A.A.	May 26	CRC
KCC	v	CDR
IRC	v	HKCC
CRC	June 2	KCC
CDR	v	IRC
HKUTC	v	S.C.A.A.
IRC	June 16	CRC
HKCC	v	CDR
KCC	v	HKUTC
CRC	June 23	HKCC
HKUTC	v	IRC
S.C.A.A.	v	KCC
CDR	June 30	CRC
HKCC	v	HKUTC
IRC	v	S.C.A.A.
HKUTC	July 7	CDR
S.C.A.A.	v	HKCC
KCC	v	IRC

Second Division

CRC	May 20	ATC
KCC	v	CSCC
S.C.A.A.	v	KTGCA
S.C.A.A.	May 27	CRC
CSCC	v	ATC
KTGCA	v	KCC
KTGCA	June 3	CRC
ATC	v	KCC
CSCC	v	S.C.A.A.
CRC	June 10	CSCC
ATC	v	KTGCA
KCC	v	S.C.A.A.
CRC	June 17	KCC
KTGCA	v	CSCC
S.C.A.A.	v	ATC

Third Division

CDR	May 21	ATC
CRC (1)	v	KTGCA
HKUTC	v	KCC
C.C.C.	v	CRC (2)
S.C.A.A.	v	K.I.T.C.
KTGCA	May 28	C.D.R.
IRC	v	S.C.A.A.
KCC	v	CRC (1)
CRC (2)	v	HKUTC
K.I.T.C.	v	C.C.C.
CDR	June 4	K.C.C.
ATC	v	KTGCA
CRC (1)	v	CRC (2)
HKUTC	v	K.I.T.C.
C.C.C.	v	IRC
CRC (2)	June 11	C.D.R.
K.C.C.	v	ATC
S.C.A.A.	v	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	CRC (1)
IRC	v	HKUTC
CRC	June 18	K.I.T.C.
ATC	v	CRC (2)
KTGCA	v	K.C.C.
CRC (1)	v	IRC
HKUTC	v	S.C.A.A.
IRC	June 25	C.D.R.
K.I.T.C.	v	ATC
CRC (2)	v	KTGCA
S.C.A.A.	v	CRC (1)
C.C.C.	v	HKUTC
CDR	July 2	S.C.A.A.
ATC	v	IRC
KTGCA	v	K.I.T.C.
KCC	v	CRC (2)
CRC (1)	v	C.C.C.
C.C.C.	July 9	C.D.R.
S.C.A.A.	v	ATC
IRC	v	KTGCA
K.I.T.C.	v	K.C.C.
HKUTC	v	CRC (1)
CDR	July 16	HKUTC
ATC	v	C.C.C.
KTGCA	v	S.C.A.A.
KCC	v	IRC
CRC (2)	v	K.I.T.C.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's tennis pro-
gramme at Hong Kong Cricket
Club:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest v M. Pagh (Stand
Court).
C. H. R. Oxlade v F. W. Car-
ter (8).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Hum-
phreys (-3/6) v R. H. Blake and
H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) (4).

SEWELL AND MACDOUGAL TRY HARD BUT OUTCLASSSED

By "Adrem"

In a very one-sided
match, Tsui Wai-pui and
Tsui Yan-pui yesterday
entered the final of the
Colony doubles tennis
tournament when they
beat G. W. Sewell and
D. M. MacDougal 6-2,
6-2, 6-3 on Stand Court
of Hong Kong Cricket
Club before a handful of
spectators.

The Tsuis were so far superior
that they never took the match
very seriously but full marks must
be given to the British pair for
their plucky efforts. They were
too erratic to maintain the rallies
for any length of time but both
hit with refreshing vigour, parti-
cularly veteran George Sewell,
and against any other pair, with
the exception of the Rumjahns,
they might have put up something
like a decent show.

The Tsuis will now meet the
Rumjahns in the final.

July 23

CRC (1)	v	CDR
HKUTC	v	ATC
C.C.C.	v	KTGCA
S.C.A.A.	v	KCC
IRC	v	CRC (2)
ATC	July 30	CRC (1)
KTGCA	v	HKUTC
KCC	v	C.C.C.
CRC (2)	v	S.C.A.A.
K.I.T.C.	v	IRC

Fourth Division

ATC	May 22	P.O.R.C. (1)
CBA	v	J.R.C.
IRC	v	F.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	S.C.A.A.
C.R.C.	v	C.C.C.
J.R.C.	May 29	ATC
F.C.	v	CBA
S.C.A.A.	v	IRC
C.C.C.	v	K.I.T.C.
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	C.R.C.
ATC	June 5	F.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	J.R.C.
CBA	v	S.C.A.A.
IRC	v	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A.	June 12	ATC
F.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
C.C.C.	v	O.B.A.
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	IRC
C.R.C.	v	K.I.T.C.
ATC	June 19	C.C.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	S.C.A.A.
J.R.C.	v	F.C.
CBA	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
IRC	v	C.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (2)	June 26	ATC
C.C.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
S.C.A.A.	v	J.R.C.
C.R.C.	v	CBA
K.I.T.C.	v	IRC
ATC	July 3	C.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
J.R.C.	v	C.C.C.
F.C.	v	S.C.A.A.
CBA	v	K.I.T.C.
K.I.T.C.	July 10	ATC
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
J.R.C.	v	C.C.C.
C.C.C.	v	F.C.
IRC	v	CBA
ATC	July 17	IRC
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	K.I.T.C.
J.R.C.	v	O.R.C.
F.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A.	v	C.C.C.
CBA	July 24	ATC
IRC	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
K.I.T.C.	v	J.R.C.
C.R.C.	v	F.C.
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	S.C.A.A.
P.O.R.C. (1)	July 31	CBA
J.R.C.	v	IRC
F.C.	v	K.I.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	v	C.R.C.
C.C.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (2)

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PUNCH AND PRECISION

By Best Ball

Playing short iron shots re-
quires firm decision and pre-
cision for best results. De-
cision is essential for the sim-
ple reason that the player
who cannot convince himself
that he is making the right
choice of shots, will be hesi-
tant in performance. As such
shots require a crisp stroke,
it means that the player, once
embarked on the shot, must
let his muscles flow smoothly
into the stroke. The club-
head descending sharply will
contact the ball, then dig
through the turf, taking a
divot as illustrated above.

Care must be taken that the
clubhead does not linger or
halt during the divot digging
stage. Such procedure often
reflects a let-up in hitting
power at impact. Make sure
of following through and the
danger of this happening is
minimised. Hitting the ball a
descending blow and taking
turf adds a spin to the ball
which will stop it quickly. The
loft of the club will raise the
ball so avoid any tendency to
scoop it up.

Next Article:—Path of Stroke.

BADMINTON CONCLUDES TO-DAY

The badminton season
will close officially this
evening when, at Kowloon
Cricket Club, the finals of
the mixed doubles, men's
doubles and junior singles
will be played.

The programme will start punc-
tually at 8.30 and as a large crowd
is expected to be present, it is
advised that spectators arrive in
good time.

Following is the programme:—
8.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles:—P. K.
Hooi and Miss Ullian Khoo (Uni-
versity) v K. W. Choy and Mrs.
Castro.

9 p.m. Men's Junior Singles.—
T. S. Young (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)
v A. L. Fisher (Kowloon C.C.).
9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Doubles.
—P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew
(University) v K. W. Choy and
K. B. Low (University).

AREA ATHLETICS

The Area Athletic Meeting was
continued yesterday at Nanking
Barracks, Shamshui-pu, who defeat
Middlesex Regiment lost the Javelin
Throw, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A.,
winning the event by six feet and
providing also the best individual
throw of the morning.

Bidding well for the final after-
noon's competition to-day, honours
yesterday were fairly evenly di-
vided between the 8th Coastal
Regt. R.A., the 57th Rajput Re-
giment, the 12th Coastal Regt.
R.A., the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.,
and the Hong Kong Regt. F.K.S.R.A.
and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots.
H.E. Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett,
will present the prizes at the con-
clusion of the sports this after-
noon.

BOXING PROMOTERS' DREAM COME TRUE

WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN every boxing promoter's dream became a reality when twelve British boxers—champions, ex-champions or near champions, including one ex-champion of the world—appeared on the same programme at a cost of only £60 and training expenses, states a message from London.

All the boxers are in the Royal Air Force, and they appeared in a charity tournament organised by the Marquess of Queensberry for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

Each boxer received only £5 and training expenses and it was partly due to their generosity that more than £5,000 was raised.

Peter Kane, former flyweight champion of the world, Eric Boon, British lightweight title-holder, Harry Mizler and Kid Berg, both former British lightweight champions, were in action and all won their contest.

Mizler At His Best

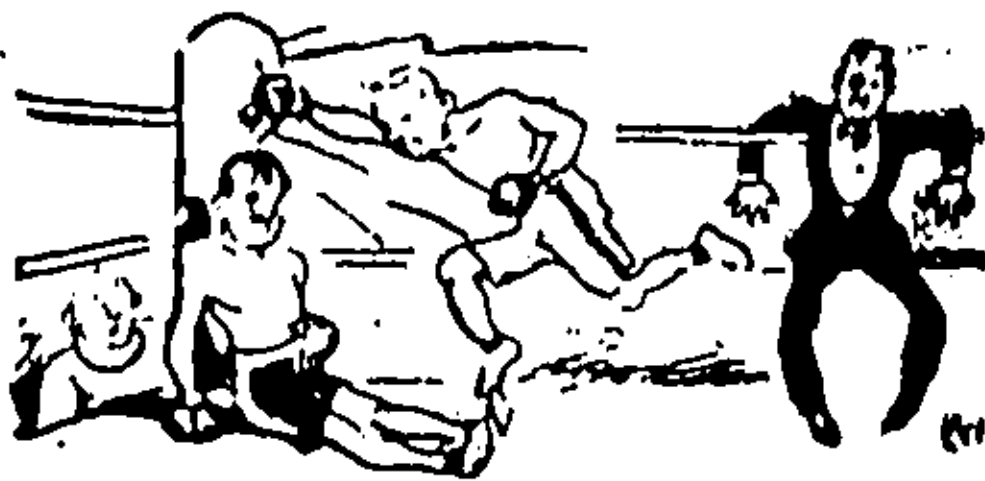
Mizler gave one of his best displays to outpoint the hard-hitting Northerner, Harry Craster, whose crude swinging was no match for Mizler's artistry. Craster tore in with head down, trying to get in some of his favourite body smashes, but Mizler's left was always jabbed into his face and there was always a following right to complete Craster's discomfort.

Mizler shared with Kane and Tiny Bostock the special prize put up by the Marquess for the best winners and he thoroughly deserved it.

Bostock, who outpointed the Welshman, Jim Wilde, looks like a ready-made opponent for Jackie Paterson, the British and Empire flyweight champion. He was as studiously correct as Mizler and gave such a sparkling display that his chances of a title fight must have been enhanced.

British Heavyweight Hope

Another who pushed his claims for a championship fight was Sergeant Jack London, 161st terror of the heavyweight division. London's ham-like fists put Corporal Tom Reddington down no fewer than seven times in the six rounds and he was deprived of a win inside the distance by Reddington's pluck, which was rewarded with a special prize. The club-like blows dealt out by London spelt destruction to Reddington's hopes in the first round when every bit of breath was knocked out of him by a right to the body.



as though there would be an upset. Boon, a notoriously slow starter, took some time to warm up, but once he did he made it hot for Finn. Finn's experience and ringcraft alone saved him from a knockout.

Talking of knockouts, Peter Kane tried hard to win this way against Teddy O'Neill, Scottish bantamweight champion, who had previously knocked Kane out in a Services tournament. Kane had his revenge, but he had to be satisfied with a points win, though his opponent was twice saved by the bell.

Kid Berg met in Harry Charman a man after his own heart. Charman waded in, punching with both fists, and in the first round stole Berg's thunder. But afterwards Berg put on pressure and won a rather scrambling fight on points. Reuter.

They Tried Hard For K.O.'s

Eric Boon started so slowly in his affair with Dave Finn that for two and a half rounds it looked

OXFORD WON; THANKS TO THE WOMEN

It was boat race day recently.

The hand rattles didn't rattle because that would have meant gas, but the megaphones were out. And the cox shouted with that expiring groan that cox cultivates, "In-out, in-out, in-out."

What is more, Oxford won, won by six lengths.

But it was Oxford University women rowing against Cambridge University women on the Cam. It is an annual fixture, in peace-time over-shadowed by the over-emphasised affair of two masculine eights rowing from Putney to Mortlake.



LEE TING SANG RETURNS TO SOCCER

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Sing Tao shared four goals with Eastern in a friendly soccer game in aid of the funds of the new library of the Chinese Young Men's Journalist Association.

Lee Ting-sang made a reappearance after his long absence following his injury in the Lai Wah Cup Competition some time ago. Fung King-cheong, who has not been playing football for some time was seen on the left wing.

Hau Chung-to and Hyui Man-fu scored for Eastern and Tang Kwong-sum and Fung King Cheong for Sing Tao.

Men and Women with
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BOWLS TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent various lawn bowls Clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v. K.C.C., home):
J. Gellately, D. Crawley, C. Strange and M. Rakusen (Skip).
E. Purvis, T. Sedden, V. Ebbage and H. Strange (Skip).
E. W. Simmonds, J. Carr, W. Burling and J. MacGowan (Skip).
Reserves:—E. Kirman and W. Gardner.

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.F.C. Away):—
S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Stephens and H. V. Pearce (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, G. Graver and A. Brooksbank (Skip).
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
Third Division (v. K.F.C. Home):—
E. P. Anslow, A. G. Gratton, F. Flippance and J. Russell (Skip).
E. Casey, J. M. Thomson, J. I. Barnes and P. Morgan (Skip).
E. A. Mansell, E. I. Bickford, S. Strange and C. Needham (Skip).

I.R.C.

First Division (v. P.R.C., home):—
A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, A. O. Madar and A. R. Dullah (Skip).
J. Hoosen, A. K. Sufiad, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).
D. M. Khan, L. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip).
Reserve:—M. Hassan.
Third Division (v. P.R.C., away):—
B. al-Arculi, J. M. A. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and S. Rumjahn (Skip).
A. M. Wahab, M. U. Razack, A. G. Mad and A. Bakar (Skip).
E. B. Hassan, A. S. Sufiad, A. H. al-Arculi and A. M. Wahab (Skip).
Reserves:—A. R. M. Samy and S. M. al-Arculi.

POST-MORTEM UNLIKELY

Next Week's Debate On War In Commons

GREECE, EXCEPT CRETE, TO BE BLOCKADED

Greece, except Crete, is to be regarded as enemy-occupied territory for the purpose of the Trading with the Enemy Act and of blockade, announced the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

M.T.B.S FOR BRITAIN

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, told his press conference in Washington yesterday that the U.S. expected to build substantial numbers of high-speed mosquito-boats for Britain.

He emphasized that no larger warships were available for transfer.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson stated that a request for 24 more motor torpedo-boats was expected very soon from Britain.

The remaining inactive Fleet Division of the U.S. Navy's organ-

Likely To Stress War Drive Speed-Up

(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

THE TWO-DAY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE WAR SITUATION IS LIKELY TO BE DEVOTED FAR MORE TO THE URGENT QUESTION OF INCREASING THE WAR EFFORT AT HOME THAN ANY POST MORTEM ON GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO HELP GREECE.

The Prime Minister's broadcast on Sunday has had a good effect on public opinion and this has been reflected in the attitude of those who last week were critical of Government's action.

Attention is being directed to the home front and its defects.

The Minister of Supply yesterday gave a satisfactory answer regarding the production of heavy tanks but this is only one item in many that are required to wage a successful fight against the armoured might of the enemy.

Mr. Bevin's Powers

There is also the question of labour. Critics claim little has been done with the compulsory powers which the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced some time ago.

Some Members urge more drastic action regarding the mobilisation of industry and la-

bour for the war effort. Some responsible people are urging a radical change in the Government machinery which they feel is not the best fitted to get the maximum war effort.

THEY SUGGEST A REORGANISATION TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

No Effort To Be Spared

Members want the war effort extended in the greatest possible way and will spare no effort to achieve this, knowing they have the whole-hearted support of the country.

Closer cooperation with leading Empire statesmen will certainly be urgent, though it is realised such direct cooperation in London is not as easy as in the last war, owing to the more exacting call on their own Ministers by all the Dominions.—Reuter.

AXIS IN TOUGH SPOT

The Axis troops on Egyptian soil are still halted around Sollum, and are being continually harassed by British armed patrols, while concentrations along the coast road are being shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher and the desert sands get hotter, while sandstorms make it difficult to keep engines cool. In any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators.

These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly as they are unaccustomed to desert warfare.

In Abyssinia, the round up of Italians continues. Another isolated garrison has been captured at Socota, on the Asmara-Desse road south of Amba Alagi.

The Rains Coming

The difficult country hereabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi.

Light rains are beginning to fall, particularly in south Abyssinia, but the heavy rains are not due till mid-May.

The present rain is already having some effect on roads and trucks in southern Abyssinia.—Reuter.

Dig At Italy

A dig at Italy is the interpretation in some quarters in Washington of the action of the U.S. War Department in promoting Major William Bentley, whose recall from Rome was demanded by Italy, from the position of Assistant Military Attache, and assigning him to an important post at Tangier.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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MOSCOW ON THE ALERT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The official Moscow radio yesterday warned the Soviet Union it must be prepared for possible attack, according to a broadcast picked up by the B.B.C.

The Moscow broadcast, as relayed by London, declared: "The Soviet people will remember Stalin's warning and will not stop at the point which has been reached."

"It is necessary to be in a state of readiness, even to a state of mobilisation. The whole nation must be kept in a state of readiness in the face of the danger of military attack, so that neither chance nor tricks by our external enemies should take us by surprise."

Significantly, Moscow radio pointed to the difficulties facing Germany in the eastern Mediterranean.—International News Service.

JAPAN NOT PLEASED

While official information has not yet been received in Tokyo competent authorities are mildly astonished by the Soviet decree banning the transit of war materials.

It is said, however, that economic negotiations with the Soviet are continuing although it is believed they are not concerned with war materials.

It is pointed out the Soviet decree mentions certain exceptions by special authorisation or trade agreement. Japan probably is not affected.—Reuter.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA?

A MOVE FOR A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA WAS TAKEN YESTERDAY WHEN MR. PADDEN, THE ACTING PREMIER, DECIDED TO CONFER WITH THE LABOUR LEADER, MR. CURTIN, AND MAKE A FORMAL OFFER TO THE LABOUR PARTY OF PORTFOLIOS IN A NATIONAL MINISTRY.

NO REPLY IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE LABOUR PARTY CAUCUS HAVE CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL.—REUTER.

MANTLE THAT WAS COVENTRY'S

(By a Reuter staff reporter)

PLYMOUTH, FRONT-LINE CITY ON ENGLAND'S SOUTH-WEST SHORES, IS ASSUMING THE MANTLE THAT WAS COVENTRY'S. ON TUESDAY NIGHT, FOR THE FIFTH NIGHT OUT OF THE LAST NINE, IT ENDURED AGAIN THE FULL FURY OF GERMAN NIGHT BOMBERS.

No provincial city has suffered more concentrated bombing and yesterday Lady Astor, speaking as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, referred to her city as the "worst blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of thanks to Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, for the magnificent help of the Food Ministry in feeding the townspeople from flying food convoys.

LAST NIGHT SOME OF PLYMOUTH'S STREETS WERE NOTHING MORE THAN A DESERT OF DUSTY RUBBLE. THEY ARE STREETS WHICH CITIZENS LEAVE FOR THE COUNTRY-SIDE WHEN NIGHT FALLS. SOME HAVE EVEN SLEPT BENEATH HEDGES RATHER THAN FACE THE HORROR OF A NIGHT'S BOMBING.

Many are homeless. Others have homes which are damaged. They all join in a tramp to the country and just before dawn they come back.

Pathetic Sight

The homeless are a pathetic sight. Some carry their remaining possessions tied into small bundles, some push prams with what is left to them.

The streets of this already stricken city blazed again on Tuesday night. Flames leapt, fed by oil bombs. Then the ground shook to the crash of high explosives.

Without even a momentary break this went on for some hours. The clouds were so low that targets could not be clearly seen but this was no deterrent to the German bombers, which released their loads indiscriminately.

Bent On Destruction

The residential areas were shattered, and the Germans seem to have been set on the destruction of the city.

Food convoys are doing great work in feeding demolition squads, dockers and a large number of workers in some of the worst hit parts of the town. Thousands of plates of soup, stew and cups of hot tea are being served daily, as well as sandwiches.—Reuter.

South-West Getting It

A coast town in south-west England was the main target of a strong formation of the Luftwaffe on Tuesday night and another town in the south-west and a town in South Wales were also attacked.

Flares lit the sky for miles in the south-west and bombs fell over a widely scattered area.—Reuter.

U.S. BATTLESHIPS IN SINGAPORE SAYS MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Mirror" yesterday quoted Moscow radio as saying that two American battleships, four cruisers and other units of the U.S. Navy have arrived at Singapore to "relieve the Royal Navy."

The newspaper quoted Moscow radio as stating the United States Fleet will defend Singapore and Borneo.—International News Service.

Kind Of Special Courage

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. John Winant, yesterday received three London firemen who will shortly sail for America on a return visit to the New York Fire Brigade which sent delegates to London last Autumn.

The American Ambassador, bidding them bon voyage, gave them the following message:—

"Anyone who has seen you in action, as I have, can appreciate the help and advice you bring to America."

"You have learnt to stand up against double fire."

"It takes a kind of special courage to fight a fire in a blaze of light while enemy aircraft are bombing you from above."

"Knowing the kind of recognition that we have given to men in peace time who have accomplished some act of heroism or worth, I know that when you arrive in New York you will be greatly welcomed for yourselves and because you London fighting firemen are uniquely representative of the home defence of England.—British Wireless.

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No Bombs In Daylight

NO BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON BRITAIN DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

A small number of German aircraft, flying singly, crossed the coasts at widely separated points but nowhere did they fly far inland.

The communique says it is now confirmed that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed on Tuesday night.—Reuter.

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Mr. Churchill's Statement In The Commons

Complete Nazi Failure To Break Orderly Retirement

THE EVACUATION OF AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE, THOUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT WAS LEFT BEHIND, WAS DISCLOSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, IN REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE THIS SUMMER

It was officially announced in London yesterday (says Reuter) that the British trans-Atlantic air service will be resumed this summer for purposes connected with the war.

"CONVOY PATROL" BY R.A.F.

The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas in the Mediterranean, it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday.

Enemy aircraft attacks have been repeatedly repulsed, while concentrations of enemy planes at Derna and aerodromes in Cyrenaica were heavily raided on Monday night. Many bombs burst among dispersed aircraft.

This action follows the strafing by daylight of concentrations of Junkers troop-carrying aircraft at Benina aerodrome, where 110 tanks were lined up, on Monday.

Benghazi harbour was also raided and there were many explosions. R.A.F. fighters continued to harass the enemy by low-level machine-gun attacks.

Three enemy aircraft have been shot down by A.A. over Tobruk in the past two days.

Enemy troop positions and ammunition dumps were attacked in the Uadde area of Abyssinia by South African planes. Motor transport was destroyed and heavy casualties caused among white and native troops.

Direct hits were made on a building on Tandeso aerodrome. Four planes are missing from these operations.—Reuter.

QUAKER UNIT FOR CHINA

Four members of a Quaker ambulance unit, under the auspices of the British Red Cross, led by Peter Tennant, are leaving England this week for Chungking for service, as the Chinese Government may think best. The party numbers 40, and the remainder are following shortly.—Reuter.

The Prime Minister declared: "Up to the moment when evacuation was seen to be inevitable, we had landed about 60,000 men in Greece, including one New Zealand and one Australian division. Of these at least 45,000 have been evacuated. (Cheers).

"Considering our Air Force was, through the superiority of the enemy force, compelled to leave the air fields from which it could alone effectively cover the retreat of the troops, and that only a small portion could be used to cover the points of embarkation, this must be considered remarkable.

"The conduct of the troops, especially the rearguard, in fighting their way so many miles to the sea, merits the highest praise.

"IT IS THE FIRST INSTANCE WHERE AIR BOMBING, PROLONGED DAY AFTER DAY, HAS FAILED TO BREAK THE DISCIPLINE AND ORDER OF MARCHING COLUMNS, WHO, BESIDES BEING THUS ASSAILED FROM THE AIR, WERE PURSUED BY NO LESS THAN THREE GERMAN ARMoured DIVISIONS, AS WELL AS THE WHOLE STRENGTH OF THE GERMAN MECHANISED FORCES WHICH COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR

3,000 Casualties

"In the actual fighting, principally on Mount Olympus, round Grevena and at Thermopylae, about 3,000 casualties, killed and wounded, are reported to have been suffered by our troops.

"This was a very small part of the losses inflicted on the Germans who, on several occasions, sometimes for two days at a time, were brought to a standstill by forces one-fifth of their number.

"NOR DOES IT TAKE ANY ACCOUNT OF GERMAN LOSSES INCURRED IN THEIR ASSAULTS UPON THE GREEK AND YUGOSLAV ARMIES.

"I dare say it will be possible to give a fuller account in the debate next week but I think I have said enough to show that painful as are our losses we have much to be thankful for and the Empire forces have much to be proud of." (Cheers).

Within The Figure

When asked whether that meant that 45,000 men had successfully reached their bases, Mr. Churchill replied: "I believe that is so. Indeed, I think I am well within the figure."

Replying to another query the Prime Minister said heavy equipment could not, of course, be removed, but the Germans were not short of heavy equipment.—Reuter.

Three Divisions Still Fighting

Three divisions of British and Greek troops were still resisting in Peloponnesus, according to the Turin newspaper "Stampa" yesterday.

The paper says they occupy a line running across the centre of the peninsula from Agullinizza, on the Ionian Sea, to Arcos, north of Nauplie, and possess as

embarkation ports only Nauplie and Malamata.—Reuter.

Light Guns Got Away

In connection with the Premier's announcement in the Commons that 45,000 out of 60,000 British and Empire troops landed in Greece are now evacuated and safely transported to bases, that total casualties were 3,000 killed and wounded, and that heavy equipment was not removed, it can be stated that the personal equipment of the troops and light guns were got away.

As to the military lessons of the campaign the daring of the Anzacs and British troops showed there was an answer to attacks by enemy armoured divisions, and German dive bombers proved much less formidable than generally expected.

The aim of the German airmen was not very accurate and it is noted with special satisfaction that dive bombing failed to disturb the discipline and morale of the British troops.—British Wireless.

STATEMENT CAIRO

A communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday announced:—Greece—the withdrawal of our troops is continuing satisfactorily.

Libya and Tobruk—no change in the situation.

Sollum—patrol activities are continuing.

Abyssinia—units of the Sudan Defence Force captured Sokota on Sunday last, inflicting many casualties on the enemy.

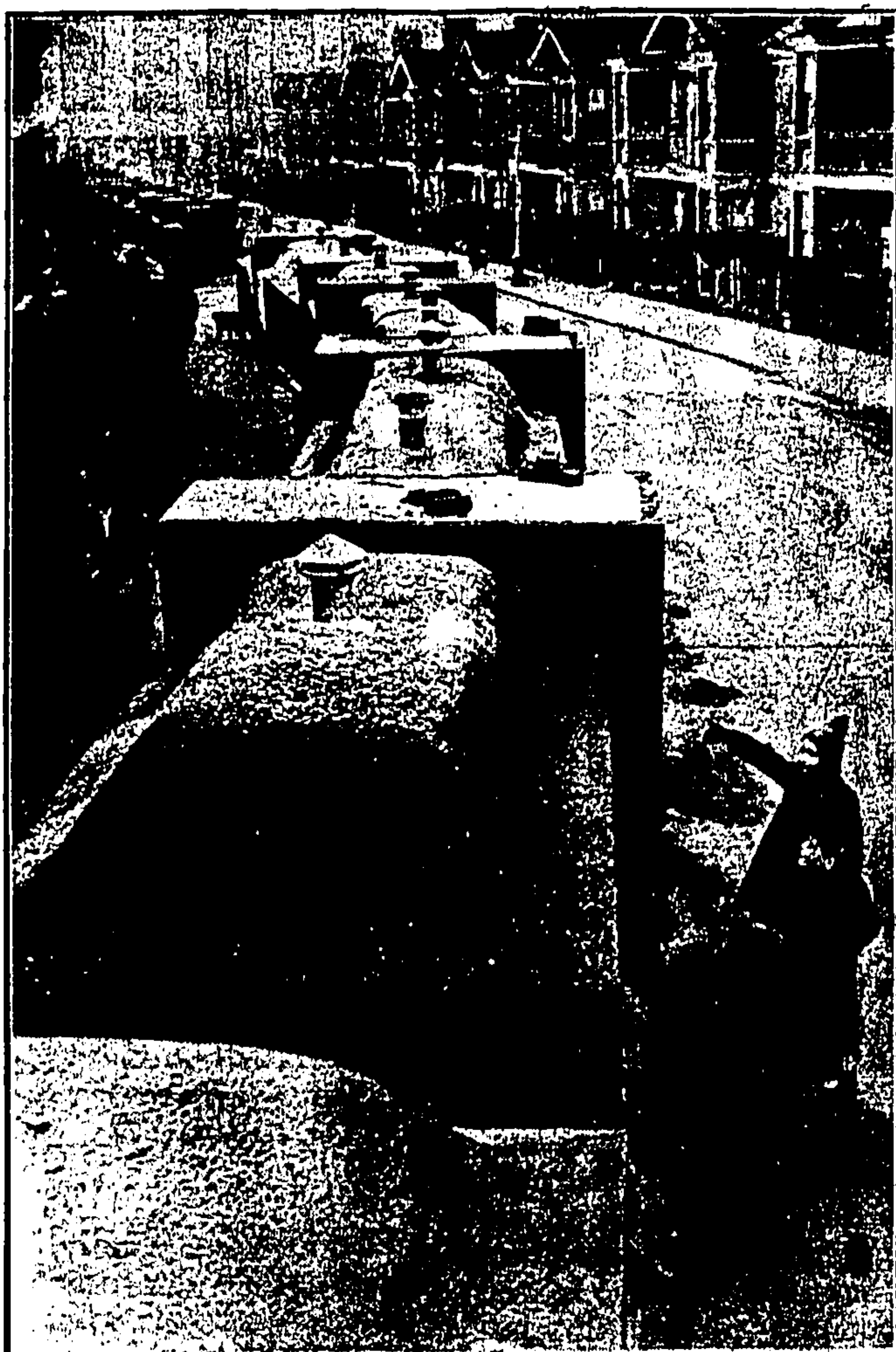
A further 515 prisoners were taken, of whom 400 colonial troops immediately volunteered to enter the Emperor's service.

In all other areas the activities of our own troops and Patriot forces continue to clear the country of isolated detachments.—Reuter.

GIBRALTAR PREPARES

Troopships, escorted by two destroyers, which arrived at Gibraltar, have sailed again, according to an Algeciras despatch to Vichy.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar on Tuesday night when planes dropped sandbags repre-



This is not a new type of train, but the queer effect of ventilators placed in the roof tops of street she teds in South London. (Copyright, Fox).

IN CONFORMITY WITH REQUEST OF GREECE

A LETTER FROM the Greek Government to the British Government was read by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday, as follows:—

"The Greek Government, while expressing to the British Government and the gallant Imperial troops their gratitude for the aid to Greece in defence against an unjust aggressor, are obliged to make the following statement.

"After conducting a victorious struggle against strongly superior enemy forces for more than six months the Greek army has now reached the stage of exhaustion and finds itself completely deprived of certain resources indispensable for the pursuit of war, like munitions, motorised vehicles and aeroplanes—resources with which it was inadequately supplied from the outbreak of hostilities.

"This state of things makes it impossible for the Greeks to continue the struggle with any chance of success and deprives them of all hope of being able to lend assistance to their valiant ally.

Greek Assistance

"In view of the importance of the British contingents, in view of the aviation at their disposal, and in view of the extent of the front heroically defended by them,

sending bombs. Last night long-range firing practice was being carried out from the northern front of the Rock.—Reuter.

the Imperial forces absolutely need the assistance of the Greek army without which they could not prolong their own resistance for more than a few days.

"In these conditions, continuation of the struggle, while incapable of producing any useful effect, would have no other result than to bring about the collapse of the Greek army and bloodshed useless to the Allied cause.

Vain Sacrifice

"Consequently the Greek Government are obliged to state that further sacrifice of the British Expeditionary Force would be in vain and its withdrawal in time seems rendered necessary by circumstances and by interests common to the struggle."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) asked Mr. Eden to convey to the Greek Premier, Britain's deep gratitude for the magnificent courage and endurance which the Greek army had shown and for their loyalty as allies. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden concurred, and added: "The whole House feels no tribute can be too high for what they have achieved."—Reuter.

AMAZING EXPLOIT OF BRITISH SUBMARINE

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET IMPRACTICAL

The London "Daily Telegraph" regards the Imperial War Cabinet idea as impracticable, on the ground that such a body cannot remain long together.

It points out that Mr. Lloyd George assembled one in 1917 which sat for the first time on March 20 and the last time on May 2.—Reuter.

Goebbels Slanders Australia

There is no industrial unrest in Australia, according to a cable from the Australian Trades Union Council to Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trades Union Council yesterday.

The cable assures British Trade Unionists that reports suggesting there are serious industrial disturbances are untrue and a libel on Australian workers, who are determined to destroy the forces of oppression.

"There is no industrial turmoil here," adds the cable.

The message supports an earlier statement by Mr. Holt, Minister of Labour and National Service, who cabled the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, in London, describing as "utterly false" enemy propaganda alleging industrial unrest in Australia.—Reuter.

HITLER LIKELY TO GO ALL OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Well-informed neutral quarters in London said yesterday that Hitler is completing preparations for major military "diversions" in Spain, Morocco, Iran and Syria and is likely to launch his all-out attempt to take Suez this week-end.

Spain and French Morocco, besides Suez, are regarded as the principal sites for early action. Authoritative sources said it was not unlikely that British subjects would shortly be warned to leave Spain.—International News Service.

Attempt To Rescue Mr. Campbell

AN ATTEMPT BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE TO RESCUE THE BRITISH MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA, MR. RONALD CAMPBELL, IN AN ITALIAN-OCCUPIED PORT ON THE DALLATION COAST, IS TOLD IN THE FOLLOWING BRITISH ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

"A report has been received from the Mediterranean of an exceedingly audacious attempt by one of our submarines, Regent (Lt.-Cmdr. P. J. H. Bartlett), to embark Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugoslavia, and his staff after the collapse of organised Yugoslav resistance.

"At dawn on April 26 the port was occupied by the Italian army. Nevertheless Regent entered the port and an officer from the submarine was landed to call on the senior Italian naval officer in charge.

"As a result, an Italian army staff officer was embarked in Regent as a hostage while the British officer went in search of Mr. Ronald Campbell.

"Meanwhile, Regent lay in the harbour wearing her largest White Ensign whilst surrounded by large forces of the Italian army.

"This tense but farcical situation continued for nine hours while the submarine waited in the hope that the landed British officer would find Mr. Ronald Campbell and bring him down to the port.

An Attack

"Nine hours after entering the harbour, however, Regent was attacked by two Italian dive-bombers. These dropped several bombs and attacked with machine-guns, slightly wounding the commanding officer, the First Lieutenant and one petty officer.

"The commanding officer of Regent then decided he could wait no longer in face of the great risk of further attacks. Regent dived and left harbour submerged.

"Regent had to pass through two minefields in order to reach the harbour of Kotor.

THESE SHE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED ON LEAVING AND THEN PASSED OUT OF THE ADRIATIC AND RETURNED TO HER BASE WITH THE ITALIAN HOSTAGE STILL ON BOARD.

Cool Courage

"Although Regent's mission was unsuccessful in rescuing the British Minister, the fact that a British submarine could lie for nine hours in a harbour occupied by the enemy, and subsequently be successfully extricated, is a tribute to the coolness and determination of the commanding officer and crew of Regent."—Reuter.

On China Coast

H.M.S. Regent, the submarine concerned in this exploit, was engaged in service with the China Fleet until the outbreak of war. She was then under different command.

HITLER MURDERS IN VAIN

"Hitler would say 'I shall never win this way, if he could see the bombed towns, cities and villages of this country,' said the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, at Swansea yesterday.

"Hitler would go back and reconsider his frightful policy. Virtue and courage is not the prerogative of a few, it is the universal character of the people," said Mr. Menzies paying a tribute to "all into fear, and fears which will grow into defeat."—Reuter.

GERMANY INVENTED THE PHRASE "TOTAL WAR" MEANING WAR ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, OLD MEN AND UNDEFENDED CITIZENS.

"Total war for us must mean war on everyone who speaks the British tongue all over the world, and when our enemy has discovered he is dealing with one solid, resolute mass of the people of our race, wherever they may live, I venture to believe he will begin to get doubts, which will grow into fear, and fears which will grow into defeat."—Reuter.

Dig At Italy

A dig at Italy is the interpretation in some quarters in Washington of the action of the U.S. War Department in promoting Major William Bentley, whose recall from Rome was demanded by Italy, from the position of Assistant Military Attaché, and assigning him to an important post at Tangier.—Reuter.

DISTURBED OTHERS' REST

For disturbing the rest of people using an air raid shelter, Filomena Mansi, twenty-two, hairdresser, and Anina Mansi, eighteen, caterer, both of Kentish Town Road, St. Pancras, were each fined £3 at Hampstead.

A policeman said they used obscene language in the shelter and were surrounded by a large crowd.



Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had just left their home during a raid on London when a stick of bombs were dropped and they both lost their right leg. One of the bombs demolished All Hallows, Barking Church, in which they were married seven years ago. Now fit again, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are seen viewing the damaged church. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. CAMPBELL REPORTED PLAYING BRIDGE AT DURAZZO

SITTING IN THE BEST hotel in Durazzo, reading and playing bridge, are diplomats and their families — some 50 persons altogether — from Belgrade, says the special correspondent of the German wireless service in Albania.

They consist of members of the Dutch, Belgian, Polish and British legations and consulates in Belgrade, and the message claims that Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister in Belgrade, is among the party.

The world has been seeking his whereabouts since the German occupation of Yugoslavia, and on Tuesday the British Government asked the United States to enquire from the Italian and German Governments for news of Mr. Campbell.

A MESSAGE ON TUESDAY FROM THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID MR. CAMPBELL WAS CAPTURED AT SEA ON THE WAY TO CRETE BY THE ITALIAN NAVY.

Now they say the diplomatic party was surprised by Italian troops as they were about to embark on a British submarine, which got away.

The message adds the Italian Government have not yet decided on their future.—Reuter.

DESERTED AFTER DUNKIRK NOW CAOLED

Said to have been wounded at Dunkirk and to have subsequently deserted from his unit, William John Clemson (34), a soldier of the Royal Artillery, was sent to prison for three months.

He pleaded "Guilty" at South-West Police Court to being a deserter from his unit and giving a false name to obtain a duplicate identity card.

It was stated that when arrested he had a receipt for an identity card in a false name.

GERMAN LANDINGS IN FINLAND: ANOTHER MARES-NEST

REPORTS OF JOINT GERMAN-FINNISH MANOEUVRES IN FINLAND ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED IN HELSINKI, STATES A SWISS AGENCY TELEGRAM FROM THE FINNISH CAPITAL RECEIVED IN BERNE LAST NIGHT.

In London there is no confirmation in authoritative quarters of the reports of a landing in Finland by 12,000 German troops with tanks and other equipment, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says nothing is known in London of a report that German transports have landed troops at Turku (Abo.).

He adds the Germans have an agreement with the Finnish Government allowing the transit of troops through Finland to Petsamo and thence to northern Norway.

This agreement, which was regarded in London as unfortunate, was the subject of strong representations to the Finnish Government by Britain.

The agreement also allowed the transit of troops on leave in Germany through Finland on their return to their units in northern Norway.

Troops On Leave

It may well be that owing to bad weather with ice and snow in Finland, northern Norway and the Gulf of Bothnia, which has prevailed in these parts in recent months many troops on leave may have been held up.

The coming of Spring weather may now have accelerated leave-going arrangements and there may be news of even more troops passing through Finland during the next few weeks.

It is believed the agreement between the Finns and Germans allowed the passage of "materials" as well as troops on leave.—Reuter.

Exaggeration

"The figures given by Moscow beat all previous records in exaggeration," was the unofficial comment in Helsinki following the "semi-official" statement made in the Finnish capital that a limited number of Germans had passed through Finland "in accordance with the transit arrangements made in the autumn of 1940."

The Moscow newspaper "Pravda" had said that 12,000 men, with tanks and guns, landed at the Finnish port of Abo.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent states the report was received there with no great surprise. According to neutrals, the Germans in Moscow say the troops are probably on the way to Narvik.—Reuter.

ABYSSINIA DESERTERS

During the past few months deserters from the enemy in Abyssinia have been coming over in ever-increasing numbers to join the Emperor's army.

Latest arrivals are 400 Italian colonial troops from Fort Mota, which was captured a few days ago.

Many native troops were forced into military service by the Italians after the occupation of Abyssinia. They have seized the first opportunity to rejoin the Emperor, and many brought with them their arms and ammunition, supplied by the Italians.—Reuter.

MEXICO LODGES PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, revealed yesterday that the Mexican Government has formally protested to Italy against the seizure of three Mexican tankers under construction in Genoa.

The vessels were to be paid for with Mexican oil which had been delivered before Italy's entrance into the war. Senor Padilla said these oil credits totalled \$5,000,000.

Italy seized the vessels after Mexico took over Italian vessels in Mexican harbours.—International News Service.

SHANGHAI COAL CRISIS BROKEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The critical coal situation broke in Shanghai yesterday with the announcement by George McBain's that an agreement has been reached with the Japanese for permission to ship 50,000 tons of coal from the Mentoukou mines.

This, however, does not affect the Shanghai Power Company's difficulties as the latter uses soft coal.

The new shipments will benefit householders and apartment owners.

The announcement created a rise in McBain shares of two points on the Stock Exchange.—International News Service.

ANTI-CONVOY RESOLUTION SQUASHED

The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday squashed, by 13 votes to 10, a resolution that would have prohibited the use of convoys without Congressional sanction.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT ATTACKS ON NAZI SHIPS

In daylight on Tuesday aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command with fighter escort searched the French and Belgian coasts for enemy shipping.

Near Ostend they found a convoy, and in the attack that followed a ship of 2,000 tons was set on fire. Another ship of 600 tons is claimed as damaged.

The ships were also machine-gunned and the gun crew of the largest ship is believed to have been disabled as the guns ceased to fire before the attack was over.

Several Messerschmidt 109's came in to drive off our aircraft and during a general engagement at least one was damaged by one of our bombers.

Near the isle of Brehat, south-west of the Channel Islands and a few miles from the coast of France, a supply ship of 1,000 tons was successfully attacked by other aircraft from a very low level.

Off Norway

Off the coast of Norway attacks were made on escorted supply ships. Diving to under 200 feet two aircraft dropped bombs on the largest ship, a vessel of between 4,000 and 5,000 tons, and immediately after the bombs had exploded the ship was well alight and she made a quick turn towards land. It is believed she was severely damaged, perhaps beyond repair.

In the course of daylight operations attacks were made on other ships off the Norwegian coast.

An Air Ministry communique states that from these daylight operations two R.A.F. bombers and one fighter are missing.—British Wireless.

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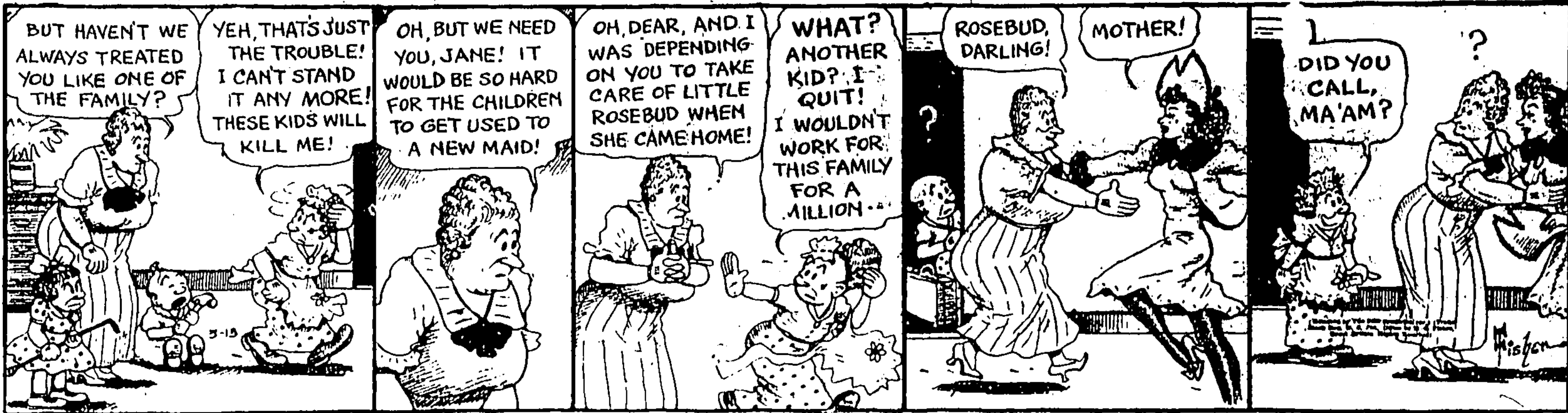
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APRIL TOLL OF R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

ALTOGETHER 252 GERMAN AND ITALIAN AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THE BALKANS AND AFRICA DURING APRIL.

In the Western Desert 81 were shot down by British fighters, 11 were destroyed by A.A. fire and 31 were destroyed on the ground.

In Greece and Albania, British fighters accounted for 55 enemy planes while 10 more were shot down by A.A. fire.

In East Africa, owing to the increasing weakness of Italian resistance, only eight of their planes were shot down during April, but advancing British troops discovered 46 Italian aircraft destroyed on their own aerodromes.

The Air Ministry news service, giving these facts yesterday, says a great part of the destruction in East Africa was achieved by the South African Air Force, which was particularly active throughout the campaign in attacking Italian aerodromes.

British Losses

In addition to the R.A.F. and the South Africans, units of the

Royal Australian, Rhodesian and Free French air forces played their part in all these operations.

British losses for the month totalled 58, but in many instances the pilots returned safely. — Reuter.

NAZI FREIGHTER'S CARGO

The German freighter "Natal," which has arrived at Santos (Brazil) from Hamburg, carried 2,592 tons of cargo, consisting largely of machinery and aeroplane parts. — Reuter.

International News quotes unofficial quarters in Buenos Aires as saying that three more Axis ships are en route to Santos.

EIRE'S NEW VOTE FOR ARMY

The Dail, by agreement yesterday, passed without discussion the Army vote for £8,383,556 for the year 1941/42.

The amount for 1938/39 (the last "peace-time" vote) was £1,672,025. — Reuter.

Summer Holiday Decided

An official Government statement in London yesterday on summer holidays says Government takes the view that for purposes of efficiency in war production and in other essential business, the customary summer holiday, not exceeding one week, should, in general, be taken this year.

In some firms it may be better, from the viewpoint of efficiency, to close down for the holiday period if advantage can be taken to overhaul plant.

The statement says holidays should be spread over the period May to October.

Subject to unforeseen circumstances, Whit Monday holiday in England and Wales will not be cancelled, nor Victoria Day holiday in Scotland, though it will be necessary for people engaged on special urgent production to work these days. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI COST OF LIVING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). A RECORD INCREASE IN LIVING COSTS, BOTH FOREIGN AND CHINESE, IS RECORDED BY THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S INDUSTRIAL SECTION REPORT COVERING APRIL, ISSUED YESTERDAY. Cost of living for Chinese exceeds the 700 mark, caused by increases in briquettes and rice, and reduction of the purchasing power of the dollar to 13.65 cents compared with 14.71 in March. — International News Service.

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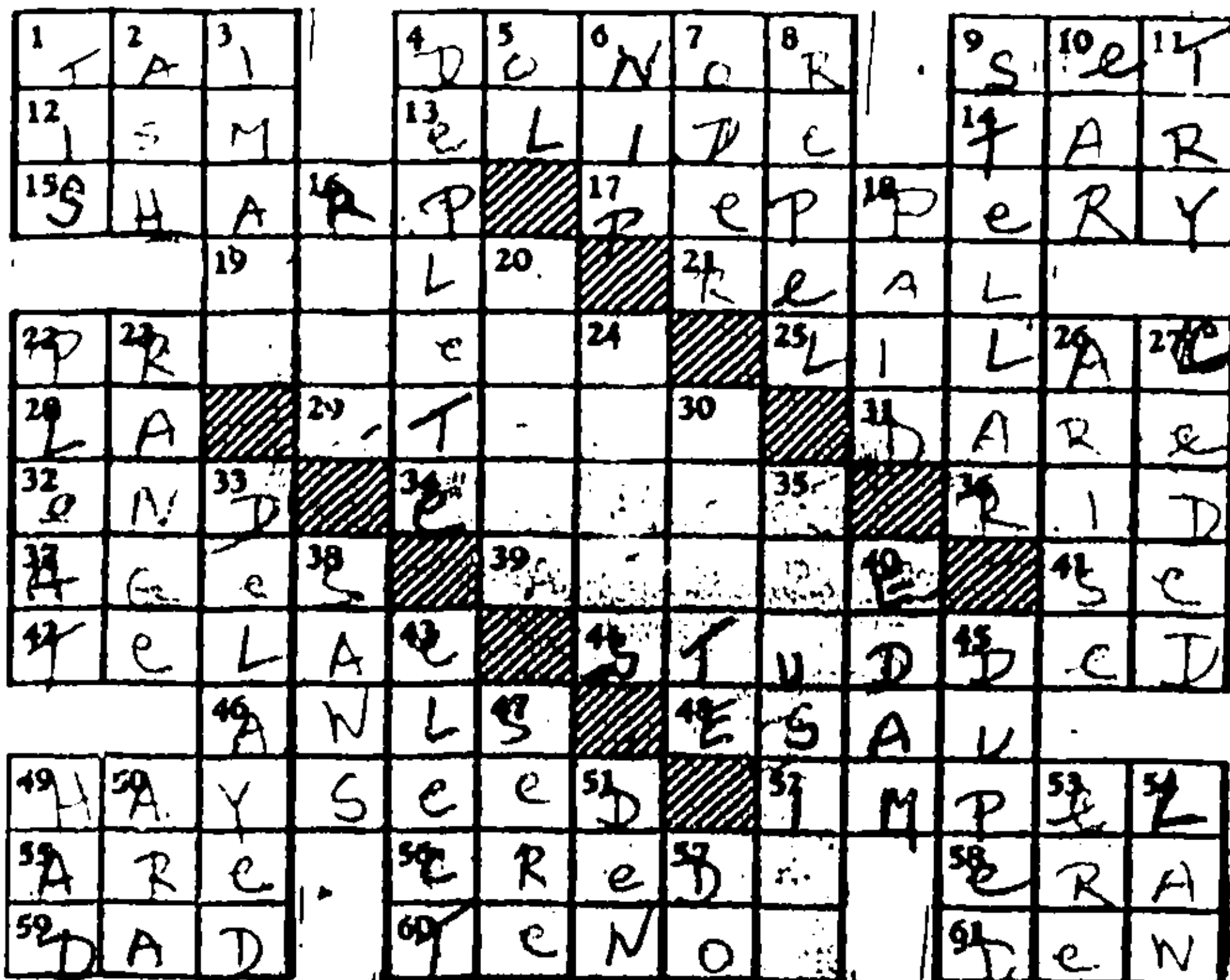
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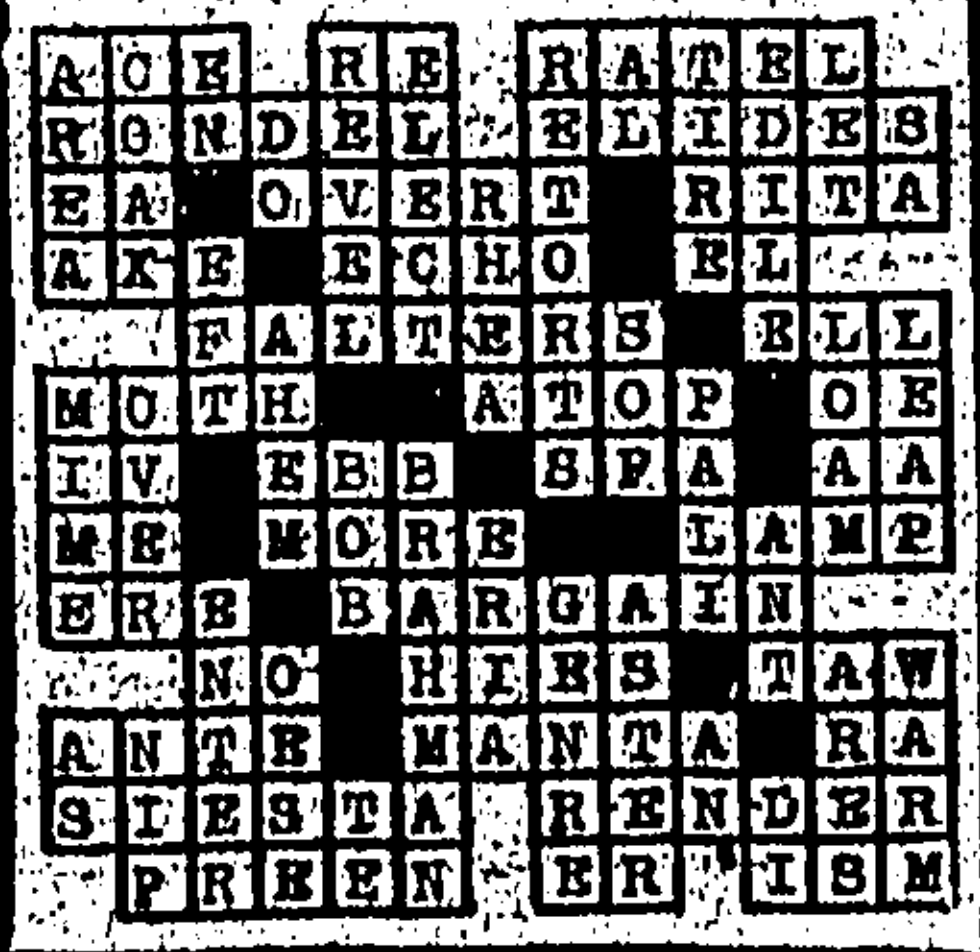
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Indo-Chinese language
- 4 Giver
- 9 Ready
- 12 Doctrine
- 13 To take out
- 14 Sticky substance
- 15 Pungent
- 17 Stinging
- 19 River in New Mexico
- 21 True
- 22 To claim
- 25 Ornamental shrub
- 28 Note-of-scale
- 29 Russian stockade
- 31 To venture
- 32 Finish
- 34 Growing out
- 36 Free
- 37 Matures
- 39 Feeble-minded
- 41 Symbol for selenium
- 42 Membranes
- 44 Strawn-over
- 46 Boiling tools
- 48 Son of Isaac
- 49 Colloquial for countryman

VERTICAL

- 1 Poetic: It is
- 2 Ember
- 3 Adult insect
- 4 To reduce
- 5 Symbol for oleum
- 6 To bite
- 7 German river
- 8 To keep back
- 9 Astral
- 10 Head organ
- 11 To attempt
- 16 Plentiful
- 18 Reimbursed
- 20 Hindu prayer rug
- 22 Fold
- 23 Extant
- 24 Stretches
- 26 To ascend
- 27 Granted
- 30 Eaglestone
- 33 Procastinated
- 35 Act of escaping
- 38 Wise sayings
- 40 Dutch cheese
- 42 To choose
- 43 Fooled
- 47 Withered
- 49 Owined
- 50 Constellation
- 51 Lair
- 53 Before
- 54 Rule
- 57 To act

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BACKGROUND OF GREEK QUISLING

GENERAL TSOLAKOGLU, who has been induced to set up a Quisling government in Athens by the German invaders, was more of a courtier than a soldier and owes his military promotion to the assiduous cultivation of relations with the Greek Royal Family, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

This fact, plus that fact that he signed the capitulation, makes his acceptance of office and his criticism of King George of Greece the more reprehensible.

He has no serious following, and the fact that the Germans have not been able to secure anybody of first rank is an indication of the continued resistance of popular feeling.

It is learnt that the British Minister in Athens has safely arrived in Crete and is in contact with the legitimate Greek Government.

Curious Career

Germany's latest Quisling has had a curious army career. He served in the Balkan operations of 1912-13 without distinction but was out of the army from 1915 to 1920.

Then, when the Monarchy was restored, he rejoined and served as Chief of Staff of the 4th Greek Division in Asia Minor.

He abandoned his unit during the retreat and returned to Athens, where he reported that his divisional commander, General Dimaras, had died and that he had attended the burial.

Left In Disgrace

The family of General Dimaras went into mourning but three months later it turned out that the whole story was untrue and that General Dimaras was a prisoner of the Turks.

Tsolakoglu left the army in disgrace but was restored in 1927 as a result of political influence.

Associated with many petty political intrigues he is practically unknown in Greece, where he enjoys very little consideration.—Reuter.

VILLAGE GIVES BLOOD

Almost every villager in Harewood followed the example of the Princess Royal by volunteering to become blood donors.

The Princess went to Leeds in response to a broadcast appeal and gave a pint of her blood.

By midday nearly everyone in Harewood had a small piece of cottonwool adhering to the lobe of one ear.

People stood in queues at the village hall while a mobile transfusion unit "tapped" the lobes of their ears.

Postman Granville Scott, who delivers letters to the Princess Royal at Harewood House, was delayed on his parcels delivery. While the postmistress, Miss Amy Ibbotson and her sister, Miss Sally Ibbotson, were being tested at the post office, Mr. Scott started on his round.

Vicarage — And 'Local'

But Nurse Ailsa Lax, of the British Red Cross Society, who formerly worked in the office of her father, an architect, stopped him in the street and persuaded him to sign an enrolment form.

Other nurses, headed by Sister Evelline McGuinness, went to the vicarage, where the Rev. H. H. Griffiths submitted to a test, and the village "local" where the landlord, Mr. Edward E. Browne, was enrolled.

The unit, accompanied by Dr. W. S. Stanbury, regional transfusion officer from Leeds, visited Harewood House, where twelve of the staff of four teen volunteered.

NEW OVER MODES THERE

By A Special Correspondent

Cotton dominates the most tantalising fashion show ever staged by British designers — tantalising because British women will not be able to see either the new gowns or the fabrics.

A few selected mannequins, sworn to secrecy, will parade the models before South American women.

No one here may see the new styles, but I saw some of the fabrics chosen by British manufacturers to make our "South American Shop Window."

Most of the materials were of cotton, but cotton translated into a glamour fabric, filmy and delicate for evening gowns, brightly printed for afternoons, and modelled into slick English tailor-mades.

There were pastel Paisley prints which looked like rare French silks, and bold flower designs for suits.

High-Neck Vogue

English tweeds, famous for their colourings, had been woven in pastel checks for sunnier South America.

There were gay rayons for evening all brightly patterned.

Most of the gowns have high necks and elbow-length sleeves. That is as much as you may know about them.

Designers find that South American women disapprove of low necks or bare backs.

Knee-length skirts also have to be made two or three inches longer before South American women will wear them.

One little secret you may be let into—round necks, richly embroidered, will be most popular.

INEXORABLE PURPOSE OF DEMOCRACIES

(Continued from Page 6)

ganda is coming over in waves—not of the future but of the present. In one more despairing effort to sap our will power, for this is one of the great weapons in the German armoury, he uses it with no greater scruple than he uses his other engines of destruction, but we have it always in our power to defeat it.

Our own will and our own faith are our best defenders, provided that they constantly inspire our action with their own resolution.

More than two thousand years ago, the great Athenian spoke over the graves of his countrymen who had died in defence of their sovereign city words which have never ceased to move the hearts of men.

"There was no one of the fallen," he said, "who, preferring the further enjoyment of his life was thereby grown cowardly, for they fled no death but shame, and with their bodies they stood out the battle."

The call may not come to us all in the same form that it came to the Athenians of old, but if when judgment is recorded on these present days we are found to stand in the spirit of that tradition, then none of us need fear for the triumph of our cause.

FATSHAN SAILINGS

Regular weekly sailings to Canton will now be undertaken by the s.s. Fatshan which returned from Canton yesterday.

The vessel will leave every Saturday morning and return to the Colony on Wednesdays.

REPORT OF PACIFIC GENTLEMEN'S UNDERSTANDING

UNDER A GENTLEMEN'S understanding Britain, the United States, Australia and the Netherlands will place their land, sea and air bases in the Pacific for mutual use if any of them is attacked by another Power, it was learned in London to-day.

It is generally recognised that after the Balkan successes, Hitler is hastily preparing an assault on Gibraltar and a thrust to the Suez Canal and Iraq.

Heavy pressure is being brought to bear upon General Franco to adhere to the Axis or to allow the passage of German troops through Spain for the attack on Gibraltar with a view to locking the western gate of the Mediterranean.

Simultaneously, reinforcement of German troops by air to Libya is in progress, preparatory to a thrust across the Nile Valley to the Suez Canal.

Occupation of Greek Islands in the eastern Mediterranean linked with the Italian Dodecanese enable him to control the entrance to the Dardanelles and is also a stepping stone to Syria where infiltration of "German tourists" have been reported, thereby side-stepping Turkey if he does not

wish to offend or clash with Russia, believed to be backing up Turkey to resist.

Pressure On Japan

It is believed that Hitler is also exerting pressure upon Japan to act concurrently with his general offensive.

Experts believe, however, that the United States Navy, cooperating with the British Navy and using the Singapore base, could deal a devastating blow to Japan if the Japanese Navy operate too far from its home bases. The proximity of Japanese troops concentrations in French Indo-China has already been taken into consideration. — Central News.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

ITALIAN HOPES

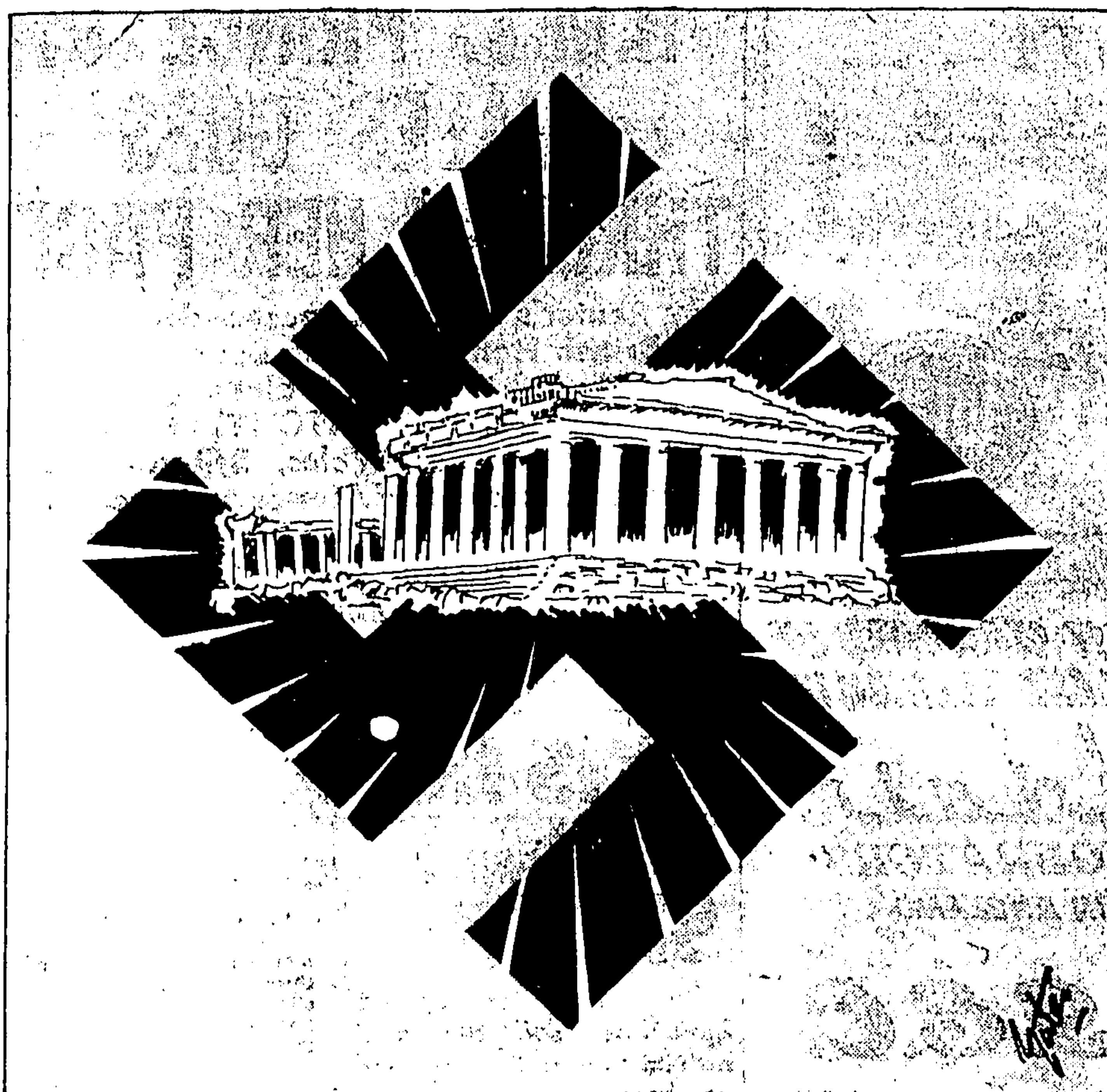
From an extreme dejection over Fascist defeats the Italian public has suddenly swung, with the news of what German arms have accomplished in Libya and the Balkans, to a zenith of optimism. So high are the hopes induced by the Nazi war communiques that Mussolini's kept press has found it necessary to put in a word of caution. The Rome "Messaggero," for instance, warns its readers that wars have their ups and downs, and hence it is "inopportune, imprudent and harmful to abandon one's self to-day to fantastic forecasts on the duration of the war."

This advice is excellent on its face and is worth our own heeding. But intelligent Italians will probably discover in it also a cryptic suggestion that their enthusiasm for German victories is misplaced; that Hitler's rescue of the country from disaster, if it eventuates, will not be the blessing they foresee. And when one comes to think of it, what support is there for Italian joy, whatever the war's outcome? Italy has become and, should Hitler win, will remain a Nazi province. Her empire, regardless of any nominal arrangement, will be in Nazi hands. Her vision of empire is doomed, in any event, but, should Hitler be defeated, she would at least regain her national autonomy. Are we wrong in supposing that such thoughts were uppermost in the mind of the author of the caution quoted?

THE SEA WAR

For the first time this year London has given us figures on the destruction of German submarines. They reveal that seventy-four of these craft have been destroyed since the war started. At the beginning of hostilities Germany had only seventy-one. No one outside Germany knows the rate of building; but replacement of a whole under-water navy, both with boats and crews, must have been difficult. Moreover, the British figure of German loss is certainly not the true total. Doubtless many depth bombs, shells and missiles from the air have found their mark and left no trace of the victims. From destroyed or captured U-boats Britain has taken 400 prisoners, including Commander Kretschmer, the leading Nazi ace. The hunt for a stealthy foe has not been unsuccessful, and the Admiralty ventures the hope that it is becoming even more vigorous.

But it is far from decisive. The last published weekly ship loss figure, 77,575 tons, emphasises the mounting danger, for it is beyond any present hope of replacement. Even more alarming was the Admiralty revision for the week of March 16, which reached the staggering sum of 146,098 tons. These meticulous revisions, released as more ships known to have been at sea fail to report, show clearly that we have no disposition to conceal losses. They show also that the submarine is still the gravest menace to Britain—and to the whole policy of aid-to-Britain to which America stands committed.



SHINING THROUGH

New Defeatism

By
Major George
Fielding Eliot

This war, at the moment, is quite as much a war of nerves, or, if you like, of morale and will power, as it is a war of combat. It is important for Americans to understand this, for in these fields we are the principal targets of the Axis guns. Reduced to fundamentals, the main Axis objective is to overwhelm Great Britain before American help reaches such proportions that Britain cannot be overwhelmed. Whatever tends to delay or impede American aid to Britain, even for a day, is a definite gain to Hitler and his associates.

At the moment he has a favourable opportunity for a morale offensive against us. We are on the downswing of a period of psychological depression. First, we had a period of good news—the defiance of Yugoslavia, the fall of Addis Ababa, the battle of the Ionian Sea, the Russo-Yugoslav pact—and we then had the swift reversal brought about by the German advances in the Balkans and in North Africa, the Russo-Japanese pact and reports of increased British shipping losses.

We have, in a word, had high

hopes dashed, we have had bad news, and we are very likely to get more bad news. It is a situation made to order for a major German propaganda effort, just as it is made to order for our own appeasers and defeatists.

We shall certainly see a resurgence of defeatism, which the Axis will reinforce by every means in its power. We shall be told again and again of the invincibility of German arms, we shall be deafened with the cries of those who insist that only a holocaust of American youth can ever stop Hitler, we shall be sneered at for our promises of aid to Yugoslavia and Greece, and cajoled by visions of peaceful adjustments with the "new order" in Europe and East Asia, while we shall likewise be covertly or perhaps openly threatened with a Pacific war and the sinking of our ships in the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean.

In all this those of evil purpose will be aided and abetted by those of faint heart.

Before the tumult and the shouting, therefore, let us for a moment examine quietly the terrors from which we are bidden to cower or to flee.

Nazis Gains Not Decisive

The Germans have gained success in Greece and Yugoslavia. Germany is the master of all the Balkan peninsula up to the frontier of Turkey. Suppose she went beyond, went into Turkey. Would the war be lost? Most definitely not. Germany has gained new strategic positions, at the cost of greatly impairing the value of her Balkan sources of supply as against a policy of peaceful trade, and she has added to her growing burdens, that of policing a sullen, warlike and recalcitrant population of twenty-odd millions in a country which historically has been difficult if not impossible completely to conquer or control. The Germans have also gained certain successes in North Africa. They have advanced to the marches of Egypt. They have partially surrounded the British garrison in Tobruk. They have advanced positions for air attacks against Suez. But between them and the Valley of the Nile lies the terrible expanse of the Libyan

desert, to which that of Cyrenaica is a children's playground, while the crafty Wavell gathers his strength for a counter-blow and the British fleet ranges the Eastern sea. But suppose it were far worse; suppose Alexandria were taken, and Cairo, and the Canal itself—would the war be lost? This would be a far worse blow than the temporary loss of Greece—but again the answer is, most definitely not.

The gate to the Indian Ocean would remain locked at Aden, the road to which the Germans would find difficult and dangerous and long. The British fleet would still be far superior to anything the Axis could hope to send into the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean. Indeed, many ships might be released for service either in the Far East or the Atlantic. British prestige throughout the Moslem world would have been dealt a deadly blow, and the Axis might gain possession of the oil fields of Iraq, though not necessarily of pipelines in serviceable condition. But the navies of Britain would still command the oceans of the world, the supplies of Australia and South Africa, of Canada and, above all, of the United States, would still flow toward the main British centre of resistance, the Island of Great Britain.

While that island holds fast, and can be supplied, Germany cannot win this war.

As for the Russo-Japanese pact, it may give Japan a greater sense of freedom of action in the Far East, but what of the practical basis for this? It is most unlikely that very many troops can be released from Manchukuo; nor is any appreciable change made in the naval situation, which is fundamental to any Japanese thrust to the southward. It is just as easy to interpret this pact as dictated by a Russia anxious to have freedom of action in Europe. It says nothing, nothing at all, of the cessation of Russian aid to China, and it seems to be in direct contradiction to the famous tripartite alliance.

Under the tripartite pact, if Germany becomes involved in war with a power not now belligerent, Japan must aid her.

But under the Russo-Japanese pact, in a Russo-German war Japan must remain neutral.

Let us think somewhat of these matters when the cries are going up, as soon they will, that Japan is now free to "threaten our interests" and "drag us into war" in the Pacific Ocean.

As a matter of fact we are the only one of the three great powers not now actually belligerent which does in fact retain a considerable measure of freedom of action.

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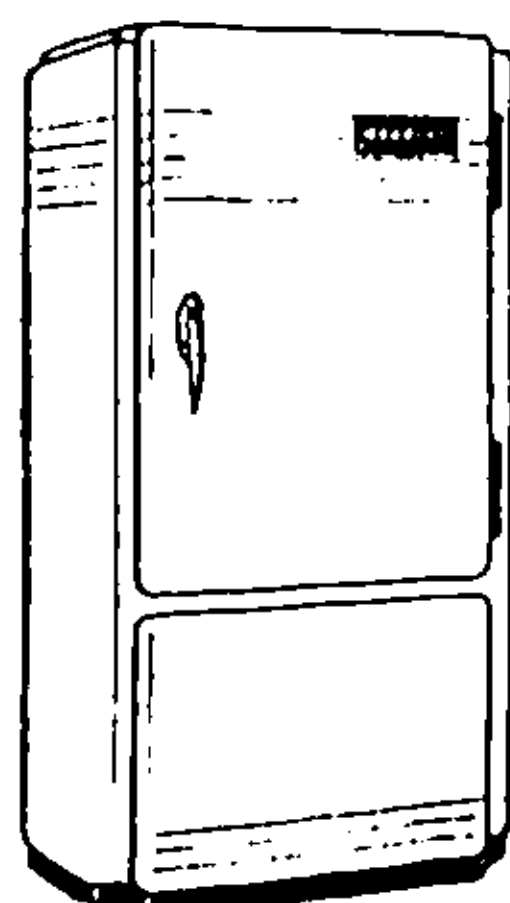
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H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES GOES THROUGH HER PACES

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Home Fleet, on board H.M.S. Prince of Wales)

I HAVE JUST WATCHED the guns of H.M.S. Prince of Wales, Britain's newest battleship, prove their power and accuracy in a practice shoot. It was all over in a few minutes of terrifying sound and fury.

With its anti-submarine screen of destroyers, the 35,000-ton ship was pressing through the night at a good pace.

AXIS IN TOUGH SPOT

The Axis troops on Egyptian soil are still halted around Sollum, and are being continually harassed by British armed patrols, while concentrations along the coast road are being shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher and the desert sands get hotter, while sandstorms make it difficult to keep engines cool. In any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators.

These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly as they are unaccustomed to desert warfare.

In Abyssinia, the round up of Italians continues. Another isolated garrison has been captured at Socota, on the Asmara-Desse road south of Amba Alagi.

The Rains Coming

The difficult country hereabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi.

Light rains are beginning to fall, particularly in south Abyssinia, but the heavy rains are not due till mid-May.

The present rain is already having some effect on roads and tracks in southern Abyssinia. — Reuter.

STOLE BOOKS TO PASS ARMY EXAM

It was stated at Old Street Police Court when James John Paul, a 23-year-old lance-bombardier, was charged with being concerned in a theft of three books from a bombed bookseller, that he committed the theft "more or less to help him to pass his Army course." The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act.

An Army officer described Paul as an industrious worker. "I was astonished on hearing of this case," he said, "I think it was done with zeal so he could pass his work." The Magistrate told Paul that he wouldn't dream of sending him to prison, because he had been given fine testimonials. "If you are sensible," he said, "you will not do this sort of thing again. I should say that you have a future before you."

MUSEUM "NOT WORTH SEEING"

Miss Jessie Louisa Mylne, of Goldhawk Road, Hammersmith, who died last March, directed in her will that the house in which she had lived should be used as a museum for Hammersmith, to be known as the "J. L. Mylne Museum."

Mr. Justice Farewell commented in the Chancery Division: "Looking at the chattels which the lady intended to be housed in this museum, they are not worth anybody's while to go and see."

He directed an inquiry as to how much of the residuary estate should be applied for the foundation of the museum.

I had stationed myself at one of the highest possible points on a platform many feet above sea level. Below, on the gunnery platform, ghastly hooded figures were at work—officers and men in monk-like duffle coats, some peering at instruments, others at the black sea.

From my position the dimly-lit instrument dials resembled glowworms. The hiss of wind through the rigging and the slight swish of water as the battleship cut through it were the only sounds.

The "Enemy"

Next moment voices below rapped out orders.

The long slim barrels of 14-inch guns were trained round and pointed to the right.

A crack from a smaller gun and a light from a starshell burst over a small patch of sea. I could make out the "enemy."

Then came vicious car-splitting explosions from 5.25-inch guns. Almost simultaneously came a mighty overpowering woomph woomph, as the great 14-inch guns opened up.

My tiny platform was rocked. Shells from the 5.25's seemed to whistle past within a foot or two. Clouds of cordite, smoke and fumes almost choked me. I rubbed my eyes.

Most Encouraging

In the bluish rays of a searchlight white columns of water shot up as shells straddled the target.

Barely had the water fallen back into place than the many barrels of multiple pom-poms spat out more shells.

Later, with my head ringing and my eyes smarting, I spoke to the Gunnery Officer.

FOR WEEKS UNDER HIS DIRECTION THE GUN CREWS HAD BEEN TRAINING HARD TO MAKE THE BRAND NEW PRINCE OF WALES ONE OF THE NAVY'S CRACK GUNNERY SHIPS, AND THE PRACTICE SHOOT HAD BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING. — REUTER.

NORWEGIANS DIE FROM STARVATION

Several people have died from starvation in Norway as a result of the food shortage that followed the German occupation.

According to the "Goeteborgs Tidningen" distress is increasing daily, especially in Oslo, Bergen and towns in the north.

Long queues gather outside meat shops which have nothing to sell.

RUNAWAY SEES RED — PULLS UP

A runaway horse stopped suddenly at traffic lights in Salisbury. The lights had changed from green to red.

The horse had bolted from Salisbury goods station while the cart was being loaded.

The driver, Mr. Tom Rusher, was flung on his back in the open cart.

Car drivers seeing the approaching horse, with the cart swinging precariously behind it, pulled into the side.

Cyclists hurriedly dismounted and joined pedestrians on the pavements.

Mr. Rusher held on for dear life as the horse swung through the main gate and headed towards the city centre at a fast gallop.

He did his best to get to the reins as the cross roads drew near, but each time a jolt flung him back.

He was prepared for the worst when the traffic lights at the cross roads changed.

The horse immediately checked and stopped at the white line.

Mr. Rusher did not wait to see if the horse would start off again at the green light.

He gathered the reins and led the horse to a safe place.

PACIFIST GOES

Because of persistent criticism by the townspeople after his refusal, on religious grounds, to become president of the town's War Weapons Week, the pacifist chairman of Bishop's Stortford (Herts) urban council, Mr. W. Hughes, has resigned the chairmanship of the council.

SOLDIER'S BRIDE WILL BEAT BLITZ

WHEN SHE WEDS her soldier sweetheart in a Bristol church a twenty-year-old Swansea girl will wear only her working clothes.

There will be no orange blossom, no attendants in all their finery. Phyllis Florence Thomas intended to marry twenty-four-year-old Signaller Donald Alfred Coles in her own town.

It was to be a real spring wedding, with three small bridesmaids, a pageboy and two of her best friends as elder bridesmaids.

Then the German raiders came to Swansea. Their bombs.

Killed her chief bridesmaid.

Destroyed the church in which Phyllis was to wed.

Wrecked the store where she works.

Damaged her own home.

Burned her white wedding gown, her trousseau and the tiny bridesmaids' frocks.

To Tidy Up —

Then her sweetheart's mother, Mrs. Louisa Coles, of Meadow Vale, Bristol, comforted her. She visited her Bristol vicar,

who said he would dispense with the formality of getting the banns certificate from the bombed Swansea church.

So, with her soldier bridegroom, home on seven days' leave, Phyllis will marry in Bristol.

An orphan, she would have died with her friend but for her wish to tidy up her sister's house ready for a visit from her future mother-in-law.

Her friend asked her to go to the cinema. She declined because she had this work to do.

The other girl, her chief bridesmaid, was killed, coming out of

GIRL ESCAPES SHOT

The girl, cashier of the Regal Cinema, Farnham, refused to give up the takings when a soldier levelled a revolver at her and demanded them.

He fired once but did not hit her. In the confusion he grabbed the money and escaped.

EMBLEM OF A PAPER CLIP ROUSES NAZI FURY

(By A London Reporter)

A PAPER CLIP and a carnation. These are innocent enough things. But the first, on a Gestapo man in Norway, and the second, on his fellow in Holland, has an effect like that of a red flag on a bull.

For these are symbols. They are symbols of so deep a revolt in these Nazi-occupied lands against Hitler's "New Order" that even Gestapo terror and mass arrests cannot quell it.

Norway is the German's main northern base for the sea and air offensive against Britain: 1,500 arrests have been made there in the last few weeks, but still the people's resistance, hampering Nazi plans, is growing.

Holland, too, is vital, yet even the German Government has had to admit its concern at the opposition there.

And in France, occupied and unoccupied, anti-Nazi ideas are spreading.

Hundreds of thousands of Norwegians openly wear a paper-clip in their coat lapels, so many, in fact, that the Gestapo can do nothing about it without putting half the population behind bars.

Who first thought of it nobody knows. But its significance is impressed upon the Germans because its Norwegian name for paper clip—binder—also means in German, "to hold together."

Leading the Norwegians in their struggle and acting as a link between them and King Haakon and the Norwegian Government in England is a new organisation called Konigshird—the King's followers.

"Time Coming"

Recently every town and village in Norway was flooded with a little green card, bearing the following message from the Konigshird:—

"Norwegians! The time is coming when you can take up the struggle with clean weapons. Until then, let calm and passive resistance!"

The situation became so serious some time ago that Himmler paid a personal visit to Norway to reorganise the Quisling police on Gestapo lines, but resistance has since increased.

Recently ten Norwegians were arrested on the charge of having transmitted information by wireless to the R.A.F., giving the disposition of Nazi depots, anti-aircraft batteries, etc. Three were executed, the rest were condemned to seven years' imprisonment. A fortnight ago three others were arrested on a similar charge.

Illegal papers have made their appearance in several parts of Norway and the Gestapo is busily trying to hunt down the culprits.

The Nazis are applying a rigid censorship in Amsterdam after the indiscreet revelations that serious rioting had broken out in the city.

Duplicating machines have now been banned in France—even in unoccupied France—and it means prison for anyone found with such a machine in his possession unless he has obtained a permit from the authorities.

OATH TEACHERS TAKE TO ADOLF HITLER

Mr. Herwald Ramsbotham, Board of Education President, told Surrey teachers at Surbiton that all German teachers had to swear this oath:—

"Adolf Hitler, we swear that we will train the youth of Germany that they grow up in your ideology, for your aims and purposes in the direction set by your will. This is pledged to you by the whole German system of education from the primary school through to the university."

TOO MUCH SAND FOR WOMEN

Women fire-bomb fighters at Wood Green, London, N., have complained that the bags of sand in the streets for fighting incendiary bombs are too heavy for them to lift, if full.

The sandbags weigh 28lb. or more when filled with sand. Now the bags are only half filled.

NIGHT DUTY IN GRAVEYARD - 2S. FOR REFRESHMENTS

Fire watchers on night duty at Islington and St. Pancras cemeteries for twelve hours are to be paid 2s. a night to cover out-of-pocket expenses for refreshments.

This is "in view of the unpleasant nature of this duty," says a St. Pancras Borough Council report.

AFFRONT TO M.P.S

—Says Speaker

The Speaker of the House of Commons has ruled that a prima facie case of breach of privilege had been made out against a firm of solicitors.

This firm, Joynson-Hicks and Company, wrote a letter, published in "The Times," on behalf of Mr. Weininger, one of the witnesses before the Boothby Committee.

The Speaker was asked if publication of the letter by "The Times" was also a breach of privilege.

He replied: "I should say it was, but that would come before the Committee of Privileges rather than before me."

Mr. Spens (Con., Ashford) said the letter was written to challenge, on behalf of Weininger, the existence of any facts for one of the principal findings of the Select Committee.

An Apology

It was a very serious matter, said Mr. Spens, for a responsible firm of solicitors to write a letter for publication directly challenging the existence of facts on which the findings of the Select Committee were based after their report had been approved by the House, and to support the challenge by the "facts as they know them."

The Speaker ruled that a prima facie case of breach of privilege had been made out, and Mr. Spens moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Colonel Gretton said he had learned that a letter offering an apology to the House was being prepared by those concerned. The House agreed to adjourn the discussion until the letter had been received.

ENJOY CASH --DON'T WED

—Advice In Will

"Enjoy this legacy -- but don't get married," was the advice given in her will by a wealthy widow who left £3,550 and property to her maid.

In the will, Mrs. Alice Leheup, of Linton Road, Hastings, Sussex, left Miss Mabel Robbins £3,550, certain Government stock, her freehold house in Hastings and property in London.

"I am anxious for her to enjoy this, and I expressly desire her to remain unmarried," the widow said.

Mrs. Leheup's niece, Mrs. Nellie Herring, told a reporter.

"As far as I know Mabel Robbins never had any intention to wed."

"My aunt was afraid someone unworthy might try to wed her just for the money."

"But I am sure the fortune will make no difference to Miss Robbins's views now."

Strangers Barred

"She was too faithful a servant even to consider going against her mistress's wish."

"She was with my aunt for twenty-five years. She is middle-aged, and lives with her parents in a cottage at Hollington, just outside Hastings."

Mrs. Leheup left £23,810.

Bar all strangers from my room and let only my personal maid touch my clothes — these were the instructions in the will of Miss Caroline Louisa Hart, of Hereford Road, Bayswater, W., who left £41,830. She was aged ninety-two.

To her maid, Miss Lizzie J. Williams, who had been in her service for fifteen years, she left £5,000.

CAMP CURE ON FASCIST BULLIES

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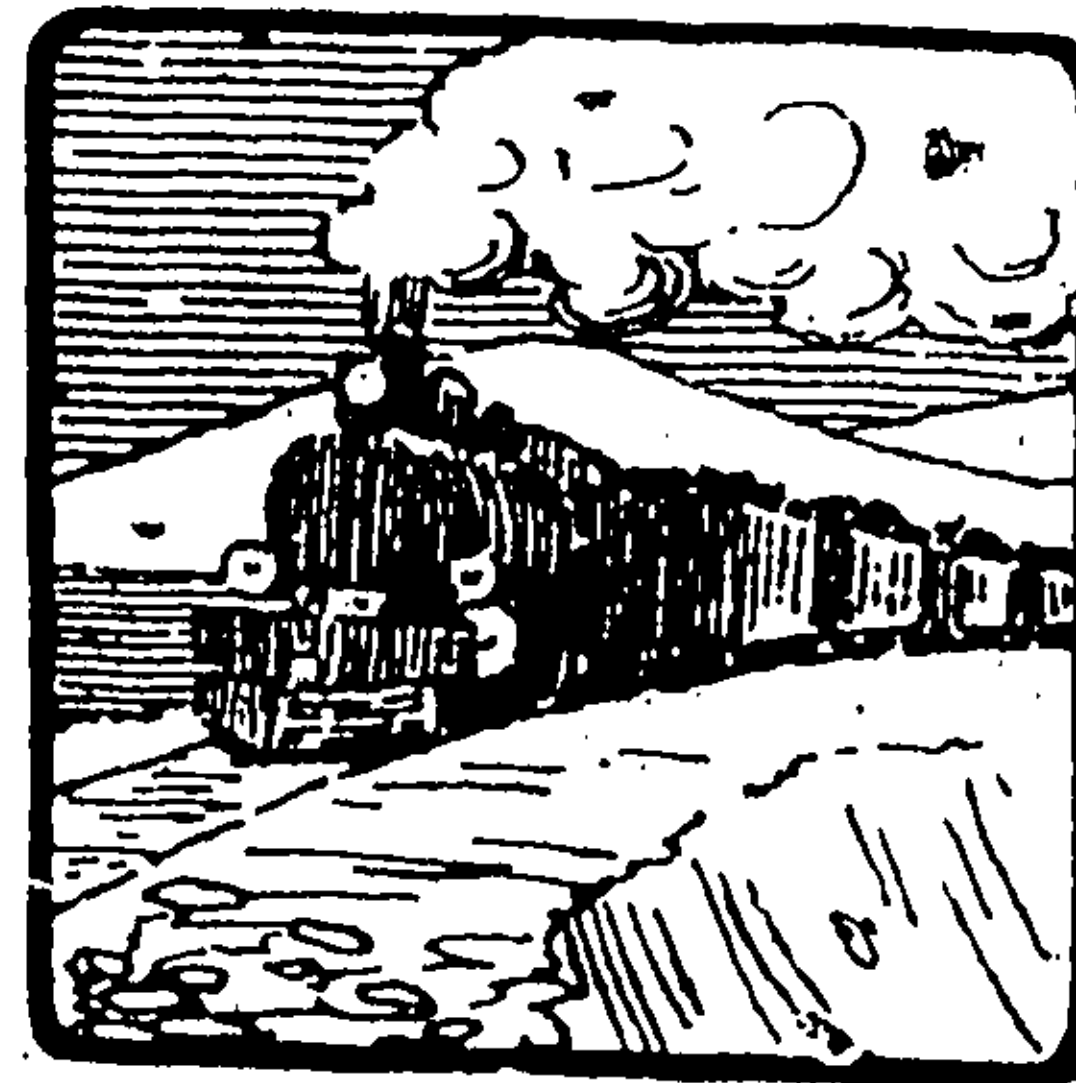
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THE LAST LAUGH
By The Four Aces

"Here's one of those he-who-laughs-last affairs," writes W. Vernon Tietjen, of St. Louis.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ —
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ A 10 9 8 6 4
♣ A J 10

♠ 9 8 4
♥ K Q 9 5
♦ 3
♣ Q 7 6 4 3

North
N
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S

♠ 5 3 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 5 2

♠ A K J
♥ J 8 2
♦ K J 7 2
♣ K 9 8

Mr. Tietjen

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"This bidding may have the blind staggered, but at least we reached the right contract. The heart King was opened and taken in dummy. A heart seemed the only loser, although I had a vague hunch about something queer in the diamond suit, chiefly because of dummy's void.

"But not being able to find any reason for playing trumps one way or the other, I proceeded to guess wrong by playing low up to the King.

"East naturally got a huge kick out of that, particularly when I booted over the wastebasket in sheer frenzy. I was on the verge of tossing the hand in for down one, but remembering about getting that last man out in the ninth, and for lack of any better play, I took the diamond Ace and then presented my wise foe with his Queen.

"He squirmed, then tossed out the wrong lead — a spade. The Jack held, making it possible to discard three hearts from dummy! Then, since West was marked for long clubs, I guessed the club finesse and made the contract. You should have seen East's disgust when he noticed he could have beaten the hand with a club return!"

While we join Mr. Tietjen in his hearty last laugh, we recommend to our readers his statement about getting that last man out in the ninth. Don't give up the ship!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one spade. It is unwise to make a trap pass, since the enemy will probably go to some other suit. There is no advantage in doubling for a takeout, since game is unlikely unless your partner can bid without being forced.

Score 100% for one spade, 50% for pass or double.

Question No. 704

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	1♣	Pass	2♣
2♦	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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"BLACK JUSTICE" CRY IN BLACKED-OUT COURT

TORCHES AND cigarette lighters flickering in a mysteriously blacked-out court, one prisoner moaning in a faint in the dock, another, his son, yelling abuse at the chief of the Flying Squad through the darkness and crying "Black Justice," a woman's screams — these were the ingredients of one of the most astonishing scenes ever enacted at the Old Bailey recently.

It followed the jury's verdict of Guilty against Nathan Fishberg and his son, Harry Charles Fishberg, Whitechapel jewellers, charged with receiving stolen jewellery worth £1,100. According to the police, the Fishbergs' premises in Black Lion Yard, off Whitechapel Road, E., had been a "dump for stolen goods" for years.

Beside them in the dock was William Bruce, a 29-year-old bricklayer, who was found guilty of stealing two suitcases containing the jewellery.

Bruce has been nicknamed "The Yank" by members of the Flying Squad. One of the witnesses was called a "nark" by counsel.

Case Of Surprises

After a case of surprises, during which Det.-Insp. Alfred Wilson, called "Tug" Wilson by his Flying Squad colleagues, was accused by the defence of promising to "fix" the case for a large sum of money, the denouncement came as the greatest surprise of all.

The jury had given their verdicts, Chief Insp. Peter Beveridge, head of the Flying Squad, had recited the men's careers, when a woman flung up her arms and moaned loudly. She was the wife of the elder Fishberg.

Her screams could still be heard after she had been led from the court. Nathan Fishberg turned white and he fainted just as a policeman got to his side.

Harry Fishberg, shaking his first, yelled at Chief Insp. Beveridge, "Why do you do this, you swine, you?"

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., was pleading that the elder Fishberg was obviously a sick man and the son was waving his arms from his father to the Bench, when the lights suddenly went out.

"It's justice, Black Justice!" screamed Harry Fishberg as torches and lighters were turned on the dock and bathed the scene in an eerie light. "This is the kind of justice you get in this court. Black Justice!"

Through the darkness could be heard the voice of the unseen Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, saying in unmoved tones, "We will adjourn till to-morrow."

Lights On Again

Shortly after the court was cleared the lights went on again as they went out. No defect could be found to explain the five-minute failure, which was confined to Court 2. A more complete examination is being made by electricians.

Earlier in the day Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., who appeared for the Fishbergs, addressing the jury over the heads of four members of the Flying Squad, including Insp. Wilson and his chief, said: "With the greatest regret I have to suggest that Insp. Wilson is an unprincipled rascal, that he got hold of these miserable little people in this shop in the East End of London and blackmailed them out of £60.

"Regrettable though it is, it is a good thing, if it is true, that it has been brought to light, and no one will regard it with greater satisfaction than Chief Insp. Beveridge, because if it is true he does not want that man in the C.I.D.

"There is a very nasty taste about this case."

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., for the prosecution, declared that Insp. Wilson had been "framed." He had done the one thing a blackmailer would not have done. He took the Fishbergs to the police station at the first opportunity.

"These men in the dock are wicked men of cunning and ingenuity, who, when driven into a tight corner, will stop at nothing to extricate themselves," he said.

The Recorder, summing up, spoke of the allegations made against the police, and commented: "That is the state of Scotland Yard, then one of the bulwarks of society is a fallacy. Indeed, it has become a menace."

MOTHER REGAINS CHILD

A mother has won her fight, begun in October, 1938, for the custody of her son, aged six.

She told the Romford (Essex) magistrates that she did not think it right that he should be separated from both parents, even though he is now in a safe area in Wales.

She is Mrs. Muriel Harvey Keens, of Church Pulverbatch, Shropshire, who again applied for the care of her boy, David. Her application succeeded.

Last September a Divorce Divisional Court transferred the custody of the child from his mother to his father, so that he could go from her house in Gravscend to a safer home at Llangollen.

No Sirens There

The father is Mr. Harry Bowyer Keens, a Ministry of Health inspector, who formerly lived in the Romford district, but who is now at Peterborough. Mr. Keens's parents live at Llangollen.

At Romford the mother said both she and her husband could only see the boy at intervals. She had a good home and she considered it safer than Llangollen.

Mr. Keens said he had never heard sirens at Llangollen.

Miss Keighley, the chairman, said the mother had now a home in Shropshire — a district which was probably safer than Llangollen. In his own interests the boy should be in the care of his mother.

EMIR AT R.A.F. PARADE

A brilliant ceremony took place at the Royal Air Force Station at Amman, Transjordan, when His Highness, the Emir Abdullah, attended a ceremonial parade to celebrate his appointment as an Air Commodore of the Royal Air Force. His Highness was in R.A.F. uniform.

The Emir is the senior living Prince of the Hashimite family who served with the British in the War of 1914-1918.

Transjordan and R.A.F. flags flew side by side at the parade and the khaki and red uniforms of the band of the Arab Legion and the blue of the R.A.F. made a gay setting.

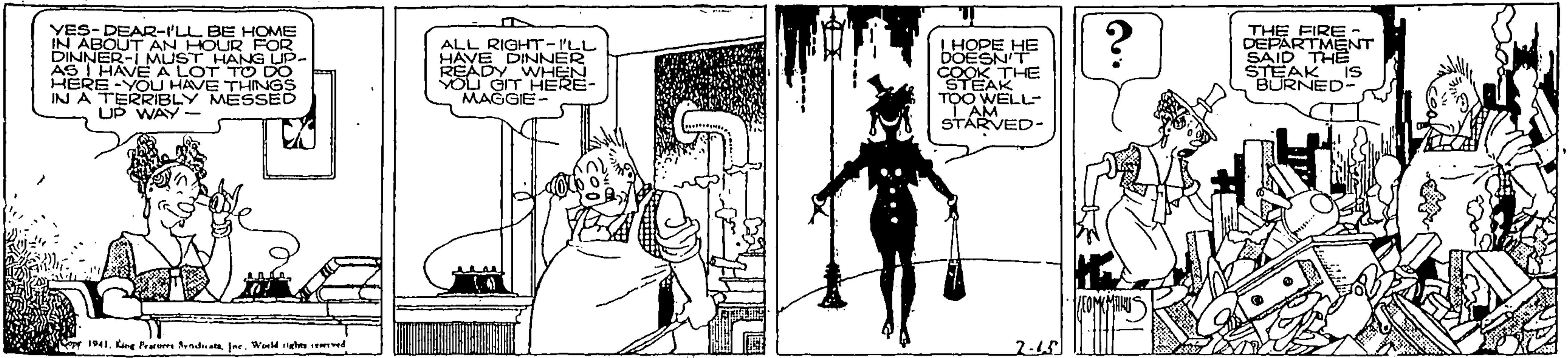
The personal pennant of an Air Commodore was handed to the Emir by the Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Station, and when the Emir had expressed his thanks, his standard was broken at the mast-head. The parade gave the Royal Salute and advanced in review order.

First came the airmen, then an impressive drive past of armoured cars and a fly past of aircraft. The officers were presented to the Emir, who expressed his great pride at becoming a member of the Royal Air Force and thus re-joining the British fighting forces.

His Highness attended a performance at the Camp Cinema where the first film, dedicated to himself, showed the work of the R.A.F. in the Near East and some of its latest exploits.

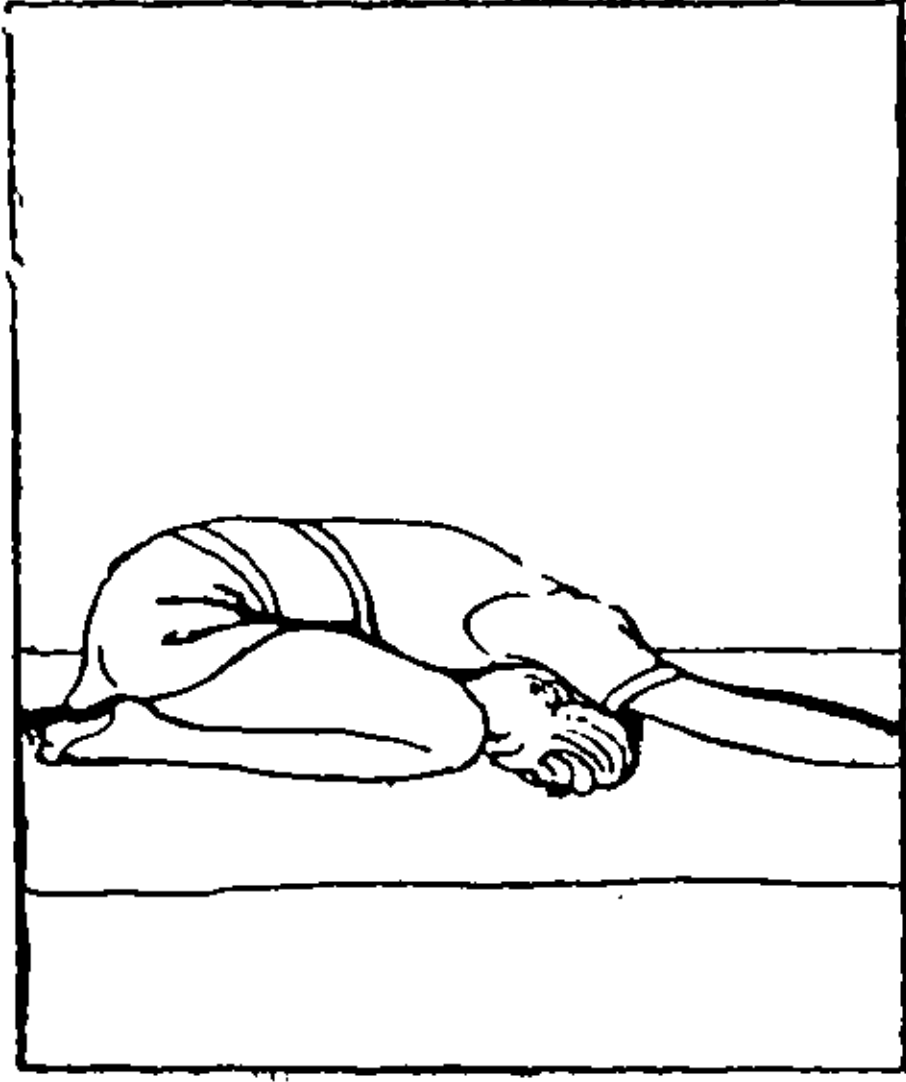
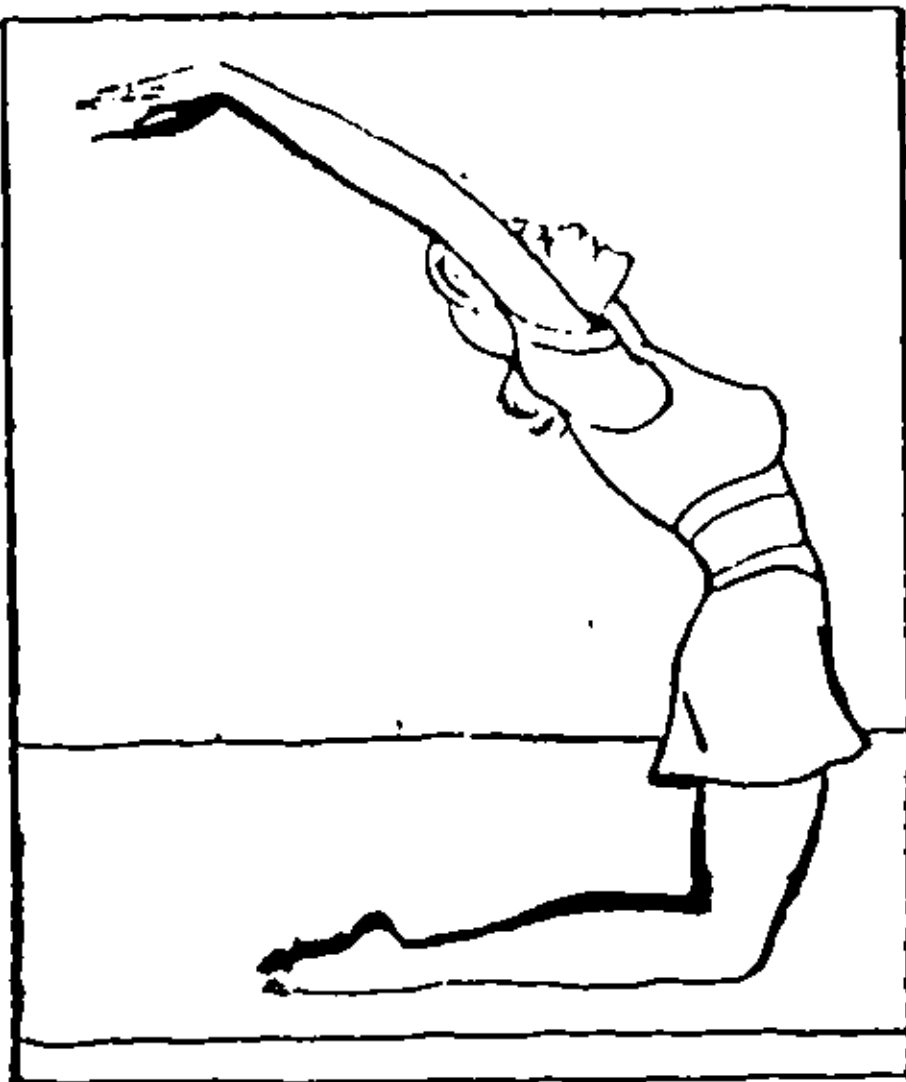
Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN For the Mature Woman

The mature woman's chief figure flaws are stooped shoulders, flabby abdomen, dropped bust and thickening waist, heavy thighs and hips. These are the most common—a woman may have all or she may be guilty of just one or two. Fortunately, all of these figure faults may be corrected through exercise if the woman will first banish any joint stiffness. The body must be limbered before it can be re-contoured. Many older women are now joining exercise classes at salons or gymnasiums long term affairs—where they can start gradual limbering and work up to reducing and refashioning. Such a course is bound to lengthen one's life span for when a mature woman becomes much overweight she is flirting with poor health. Here is a programme of exercises which any mature woman can practice daily:



Here is another good exercise for mature women. From the kneeling position stretch high before bending slowly over to Movement 2. Abdomen is held in and up throughout.

Exercise 1: Sit on the floor, stretch arms upward and rock hips hard from side to side. Then lie back slowly until head touches the floor, relax, and sit up slowly. Repeat ten times. This is a good hip-slimmer.

Exercise 2: Lie on the floor, stretch your right arm upward and your right leg downward at the same time—trying to make one side of your body longer than the other. Alternate on the other

side and repeat eight times. Very good for posture and co-ordination of muscles.

Exercise 3: Stand up straight and, keeping elbows high, push the fist of one hand against the palm of the other. Push hard, relax and repeat. This strengthens muscles of the bust and helps to straighten stooped shoulders. **BUT KEEP YOUR ELBOWS HIGH THROUGHOUT EXERCISE.**

Exercise 4: Stand erect, hold a

jumping rope or a lithe-line. Curl toes of one foot over it, pushing heel lower than toes. Keeping knee straight, raise the leg high as you can in front of you—pushing on the rope with curled toes. **CONTRACT ABDOMEN MUSCLES HARD AT THE SAME TIME.** This is an excellent exercise if done properly. It firms abdomen, hips, thighs and is splendid for tired feet and lowered arches.

Curb High Calorie Foods

You can get rid of undesired extra pounds and gain in figure beauty, health and happiness if you will determine to curb high calorie foods and exercise daily. The combination of exercise and limited menus is the only safe means of slimming.

You must plan a reducing programme and stick to it. Figure out how many pounds you must lose to look slim and attractive. Don't flinch if the number is pretty high, simply determine to stick to your reducing programme until the pounds are dropped but that may take from six to eight weeks or longer. Many women fail to reduce because they do not

follow their programme long enough—they give up because the effort is too great.

Curb Calories

Eat less of concentrated, rich foods which are those of many calories. Especially avoid cake, candy, jelly, mayonnaise, pastry, fried foods, ice cream, whipped cream, ripe olives, and olive oil. Avoid overeating and taking food between meals, chew carrots or celery if you become hungry. Thorough chewing of food and slow eating help you prevent eating too much at any one meal. But do not skip meals—you become so hungry if you do that you stuff yourself the next meal, and stretch your stomach. Use salt sparingly. Drink all the water you want between meals

but only one-half glass with a meal. None if possible. Be sure to avoid constipation through exercise or use a non-fattening, drugless laxative when necessary.

Learn Your Foods

These foods are low in calorie content—eat of these: lettuce, spinach, celery, tomatoes, mushrooms, asparagus, endive, beet greens, swiss chard, brussels sprouts, water cress, okra, melons, pears, peaches, skimmed milk, buttermilk, clear broth.

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Fourth Division: A.T.C., Central British Association, C.R.C., C.C.C., Filipino Club, I.R.C., Jewish Recreation Club, K.L.T.C., Post Office Recreation Club (2) and S.C.A.A.

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Army registrations are not yet available.

FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures for the coming season:

First Division

CRC	May 19	HKUTC
CDR	v	SCAA
HKCC	v	KCC
SCAA	May 26	CRC
KCC	v	CDR
IRC	v	HKCC
CRC	June 9	KCC
CDR	v	IRC
HKUTC	v	SCAA
IRC	June 16	CRC
HKCC	v	CDR
KCC	v	HKUTC
CRC	June 23	HKCC
HKUTC	v	IRC
SCAA	v	KCC
CDR	June 30	CRC
HKCC	v	HKUTC
IRC	v	SCAA
HKUTC	July 7	CDR
SCAA	v	HKCC
KCC	v	IRC

Second Division

CRC	May 20	ATC
KCC	v	CSCC
SCAA	v	KTGCA
SCAA	May 27	CRC
CSCC	v	ATC
KTGCA	v	KCC
KTGCA	June 3	CRC
ATC	v	KCC
CSCC	v	SCAA
CRC	June 10	CSCC
ATC	v	KTGCA
KCC	v	SCAA
CRC	June 17	KCC
KTGCA	v	CSCC
SCAA	v	ATC

Third Division

C.D.R.	May 21	ATC
C.R.C. (1)	v	KTGCA
H.K.U.T.C.	v	KCC
C.C.C.	v	C.R.C. (2)
SCAA	v	K.I.T.C.
KTGCA	May 28	C.D.R.
IRC	v	SCAA
K.C.C.	v	C.R.C. (1)
C.R.C. (2)	v	H.K.U.T.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	C.C.C.
C.D.R.	June 4	K.C.C.
ATC	v	KTGCA
C.R.C. (1)	v	C.R.C. (2)
H.K.U.T.C.	v	K.I.T.C.
C.C.C.	v	IRC
C.R.C. (2)	June 11	C.D.R.
K.C.C.	v	ATC
SCAA	v	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	C.R.C. (1)
IRC	v	H.K.U.T.C.
C.R.C.	June 18	K.I.T.C.
ATC	v	C.R.C. (2)
KTGCA	v	KCC
C.R.C. (1)	v	IRC
H.K.U.T.C.	v	SCAA
IRC	June 25	C.D.R.
K.I.T.C.	v	ATC
C.R.C. (2)	v	KTGCA
SCAA	v	C.R.C. (1)
C.C.C.	v	H.K.U.T.C.
C.D.R.	July 2	SCAA
ATC	v	IRC
KTGCA	v	K.I.T.C.
K.C.C.	v	C.R.C. (2)
C.R.C. (1)	v	C.C.C.
C.C.C.	July 9	C.D.R.
SCAA	v	ATC
IRC	v	KTGCA
K.I.T.C.	v	KCC
H.K.U.T.C.	v	C.R.C. (1)
C.D.R.	July 16	H.K.U.T.C.
ATC	v	C.C.C.
KTGCA	v	SCAA
K.C.C.	v	IRC
C.R.C. (2)	v	K.I.T.C.
C.R.C. (1)	July 23	C.D.R.
H.K.U.T.C.	v	ATC

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Both Club championship Semi-Final games will be played on the stand court. The first match which is Guest v Pagh will start at 4.15 p.m. sharp to be followed by Oxlade v Carter.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest v M. Pagh (Stand Court).

C. H. R. Oxlade v F. W. Carter (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (—3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) (4).

SEWELL AND MACDOUGAL TRY HARD BUT OUTCLASSED

By "Adrem"

In a very one-sided match, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui yesterday entered the final of the Colony doubles tennis tournament when they beat G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougal 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club before a handful of spectators.

The Tsuis were so far superior that they never took the match very seriously but full marks must be given to the British pair for their plucky efforts. They were too erratic to maintain the rallies for any length of time but both hit with refreshing vigour, particularly veteran George Sewell, and against any other pair, with the exception of the Rumjahn, they might have put up something like a decent show.

The Tsuis will now meet the Rumjahn in the final.

CRC	v	KTGCA
SCAA	v	KCC
IRC	v	CRC (2)
ATC	July 30	CRC (1)
KTGCA	v	HKUTC
KCC	v	CRC
CRC (2)	v	SCAA
K.I.T.C.	v	IRC

Fourth Division

ATC	May 22	PORC (1)
C.B.A.	v	J.R.C.
IRC	v	F.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	SCAA
CRC	v	C.C.C.
J.R.C.	May 29	ATC
FC	v	C.B.A.
SCAA	v	IRC
C.C.C.	v	K.I.T.C.
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	CRC
ATC	June 5	FC
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	J.R.C.
C.B.A.	v	SCAA
IRC	v	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
SCAA	June 12	ATC
FC	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
C.C.C.	v	C.B.A.
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	IRC
CRC	v	K.I.T.C.
ATC	June 19	C.C.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	SCAA
J.R.C.	v	FC
C.B.A.	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
IRC	v	CRC
P.O.R.C. (2)	June 26	ATC
C.C.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
SCAA	v	J.R.C.
CRC	v	C.B.A.
K.I.T.C.	v	IRC
ATC	July 3	CRC
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
J.R.C.	v	C.C.C.
FC	v	SCAA
C.B.A.	v	K.I.T.C.
K.I.T.C.	July 10	ATC
CRC	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	J.R.C.
C.C.C.	v	FC
IRC	v	C.B.A.
ATC	July 17	IRC
P.O.R.C. (1)	v	K.I.T.C.
J.R.C.	v	CRC
FC	v	P.O.R.C. (2)
SCAA	v	C.C.C.
C.B.A.	July 24	ATC
IRC	v	P.O.R.C. (1)
K.I.T.C.	v	J.R.C.
CRC	v	FC
P.O.R.C. (2)	v	SCAA
P.O.R.C. (1)	July 31	C.B.A.
J.R.C.	v	IRC
FC	v	K.I.T.C.
SCAA	v	CRC
C.C.C.	v	P.O.R.C. (2)

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUNCH AND PRECISION

By Best Ball

Playing short iron shots requires firm decision and precision for best results. Decision is essential for the simple reason that the player, who cannot convince himself that he is making the right choice of shots, will be hesitant in performance. As such shots require a crisp stroke, it means that the player, once embarked on the shot, must let his muscles flow smoothly into the stroke. The club-head descending sharply will contact the ball, then dig through the turf, taking a divot as illustrated above.

Care must be taken that the clubhead does not linger or halt during the divot digging stage. Such procedure often reflects a let-up in hitting power at impact. Make sure of following through and the danger of this happening is minimised. Hitting the ball a descending blow and taking turf adds a spin to the ball which will stop it quickly. The loft of the club will raise the ball so avoid any tendency to scoop it up.

Next Article:—Path of Stroke.

BADMINTON CONCLUDES TO-DAY

The badminton season will close officially this evening when, at Kowloon Cricket Club, the finals of the mixed doubles, men's doubles and junior singles will be played.

The programme will start punctually at 8.30 and as a large crowd is expected to be present, it is advised that spectators arrive in good time.

Following is the programme:—8.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles.—P. K. Hooi and Miss Ullian Khoo (University) v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

9 p.m. Men's Junior Singles.—T. S. Young (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) v A. L. Fisher (Kowloon C.C.). 9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Doubles.—P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (University) v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (University).

AREA ATHLETICS

The Area Athletic Meeting was continued yesterday at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui, when Middlesex Regiment lost the Javelin Throw, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., winning the event by six feet and providing also the best individual throw of the morning.

Bidding well for the final afternoon's competition to-day, honours yesterday were fairly evenly divided between the 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., the 5/7th Rajput Regiment, the 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., the Hong Kong Regt. H.K.S.R.A. and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. H.E. Major Gen. A. E. Grasett, will present the prizes at the conclusion of the sports this afternoon.

BOXING PROMOTERS' DREAM COME TRUE

WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN every boxing promoter's dream became a reality when twelve British boxers—champions, ex-champions or near champions, including one ex-champion of the world—appeared on the same programme at a cost of only £60 and training expenses, states a message from London.

All the boxers are in the Royal Air Force, and they appeared in a charity tournament organised by the Marquess of Queensberry for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

Each boxer received only £5 and training expenses and it was partly due to their generosity that more than £5,000 was raised.

Peter Kane, former flyweight champion of the world, Eric Boon, British lightweight title-holder, Harry Mizler and Kid Berg, both former British lightweight champions, were in action and all won their contest.

Mizler At His Best

Mizler gave one of his best displays to outpoint the hard-hitting Northerner, Harry Craster, whose crude swinging was no match for Mizler's artistry. Craster tore in with head down, trying to get in some of his favourite body smashes, but Mizler's left was always jabbed into his face and there was always a following right to complete Craster's discomfort.

Mizler shared with Kane and Tiny Bostock the special prize put up by the Marquess for the best winners, and he thoroughly deserved it.

Bostock, who outpointed the Welshman, Jim Wilde, looks like a ready-made opponent for Jackie Paterson, the British and Empire flyweight champion. He was as studiously correct as Mizler and gave such a sparkling display that his chances of a title fight must have been enhanced.

British Heavyweight Hope

Another who pushed his claims for a championship fight was Sergeant Jack London, 16½st terror of the heavyweight division. London's ham-like fists put Corporal Tom Reddington down no fewer than seven times in the six rounds and he was deprived of a win inside the distance by Reddington's pluck, which was rewarded with a special prize. The club-like blows dealt out by London spell destruction to Reddington's hopes in the first round when every bit of breath was knocked out of him, by a right to the body.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent various lawn bowls clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v. K.C.C., home): J. Gellately, D. Crawley, C. Strange and M. Rakusen (Skip).

E. Purvis, T. Sedden, V. Ebbage and H. Strange (Skip).

E. W. Simmonds, J. Carr, W. Burling and J. MacGowan (Skip).

Reserves:—E. Kirman and W. Gardner.

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.F.C. Away):—J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Stephens and H. V. Pearce (Skip).

R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, G. Graver and A. Brooksbank (Skip).

A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).

Third Division v. K.F.C. (Home):—E. P. Anslow, A. G. Gratton, F. Flippance and J. Russell (Skip).

E. Casey, J. M. Thomson, J. I. Barnes and P. Morgan (Skip).

B. A. Mansell, B. I. Bickford, S. Strange and C. Needham (Skip).

I.R.C.

First Division (v. P.R.C., home):—A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, A. O. Madar and A. R. Dullah (Skip).

J. Hoosen, A. K. Suffad, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).

D. M. Khan, L. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip).

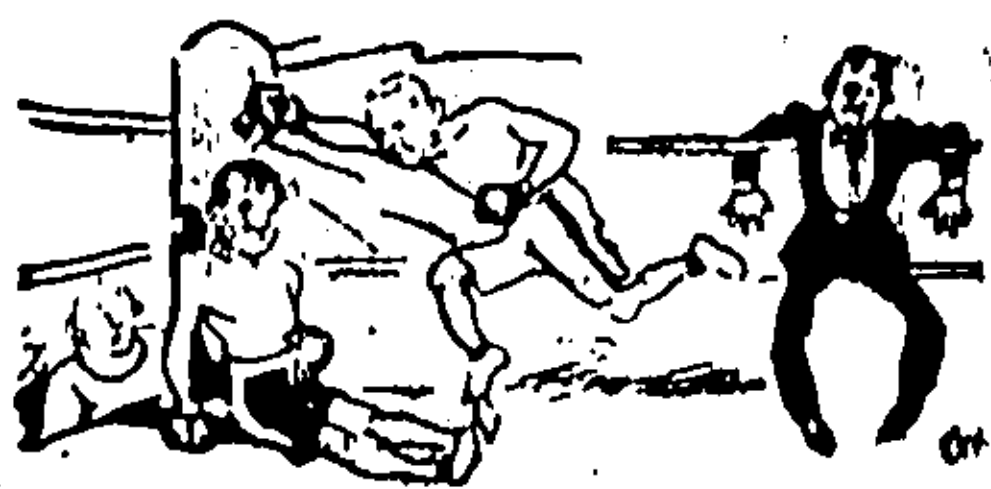
Reserves:—M. Hassan.

Third Division (v. P.R.C., away):—B. el Arcull, J. M. A. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and S. Rumjahn (Skip).

A. M. Wahab, M. U. Razack, A. G. Suffad and A. Bakar (Skip).

M. B. Hassan, A. S. Suffad, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).

Reserves:—A. R. M. Samy and S. M. Sadick.



OXFORD WON; THANKS TO THE WOMEN

It was boat race day recently.

The hand rattles didn't rattle because that would have meant gas, but the megaphones were out. And the cox shouted with that expiring groan that cox cultivates, "In—out, in—out, in—out."

What is more, Oxford won, won by six lengths.

But it was Oxford University women rowing against Cambridge University women on the Cam. It is an annual fixture, in peace-time over-shadowed by the over-emphasised affair of two masculine eights rowing from Putney to Mortlake.



LEE TING-SANG RETURNS TO SOCCER

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Sing Tao shared four goals with Eastern in a friendly soccer game in aid of the funds of the new library of the Chinese Young Men's Journalist Association.

Lee Ting-sang made a reappearance after his long absence following his injury in the Lai Wah Cup Competition some time ago. Fung King-cheong, who has not been playing football for some time was seen on the left wing.

Hau Ching-to and Hyui Man-tu scored for Eastern and Tang Kwong-sum and Fung King-cheong for Sing Tao.

They Tried Hard For K.O.'s

Eric Boon started so slowly in his affair with Dave Finn that for two and a half rounds it looked

as though there would be an upset. Boon, a notoriously slow starter, took some time to warm up, but once he did he made it hot for Finn. Finn's experience and ringcraft alone saved him from a knockout.

Talking of knockouts, Peter Kane tried hard to win this way against Teddy O'Neill, Scottish bantamweight champion, who had previously knocked Kane out in a Services tournament. Kane had his revenge, but he had to be satisfied with a points win, though his opponent was twice saved by the bell.

Kid Berg met in Harry Charman a man after his own heart. Charman waded in, punching with both fists, and in the first round stole Berg's thunder. But afterwards Berg put on pressure and won a rather scrambling fight on points. Reuter.

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POST-MORTEM UNLIKELY

Next Week's Debate On War In Commons

GREECE, EXCEPT CRETE, TO BE BLOCKADED

Greece, except Crete, is to be regarded as enemy-occupied territory for the purpose of the Trading with the Enemy Act and of blockade, announced the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

M.T.B.S FOR BRITAIN

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, told his press conference in Washington yesterday that the U.S. expected to build substantial numbers of high-speed mosquito-boats for Britain.

He emphasised that no larger warships were available for transfer. Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson stated that a request for 24 more motor torpedo-boats was expected very soon from Britain. The remaining inactive Fleet Division of the U.S. Navy's organ-

Likely To Stress War Drive Speed-Up

(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

THE TWO-DAY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE WAR SITUATION IS LIKELY TO BE DEVOTED FAR MORE TO THE URGENT QUESTION OF INCREASING THE WAR EFFORT AT HOME THAN ANY POST MORTEM ON GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO HELP GREECE.

The Prime Minister's broadcast on Sunday has had a good effect on public opinion and this has been reflected in the attitude of those who last week were critical of Government's action.

Attention is being directed to the home front and its defects.

The Minister of Supply yesterday gave a satisfactory answer regarding the production of heavy tanks but this is only one item in many that are required to wage a successful fight against the armoured might of the enemy.

Mr. Bevin's Powers

There is also the question of labour. Critics claim little has been done with the compulsory powers which the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced some time ago.

Some Members urge more drastic action regarding the mobilisation of industry and la-

bour for the war effort. Some responsible people are urging a radical change in the Government machinery which they feel is not the best fitted to get the maximum war effort.

THEY SUGGEST A REORGANISATION TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

No Effort To Be Spared

Members want the war effort extended in the greatest possible way and will spare no effort to achieve this, knowing they have the whole-hearted support of the country.

Closer cooperation with leading Empire statesmen will certainly be urgent, though it is realised such direct cooperation in London is not as easy as in the last war, owing to the more exacting call on their own Ministers by all the Dominions.—Reuter.

Guerilla War

Next week's two-day Commons debate will range over the whole war situation. Particular interest will attach to discussion of the circumstances in which help was sent in response to the Greek Government's appeal which will be fully explained.

Now that the campaign is nearing its end the results are being assessed in London and the tendency is to view the operations as a guerilla warfare in which, despite his immensely superior strength, the enemy has been made to suffer severely.

Extent of this cannot entirely be measured by the number of casualties inflicted upon him although the German methods of attack against strongly held positions inevitably resulted in immense slaughter, and reports reaching official quarters in London indicate that Sofia has become in effect a vast hospital.

Great Dislocation

Apart, however, from the extent of enemy casualties, the operations are known to have caused great dislocation behind the enemy's lines, and throughout the Balkans the whole machinery of occupation has been thrown out of gear.

DURING THEIR BRIEF PERIOD OF ACTIVE COOPERATION THE YUGOSLAVS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CONFUSION AND EVEN THE GERMAN WIRELESS DID NOT DISGUISE THE FACT THAT OWING TO THEIR BLOCKING OF THE DANUBE AT SEVERAL POINTS IT WILL BE SOME MONTHS BEFORE THIS IMPORTANT CHANNEL IS AGAIN OPEN.

On political and moral grounds the expediency of sending an expeditionary force to Greece is no longer seriously questioned and it is increasingly felt it may be found to have justified itself also by the disturbance of German arrangements.—British Wireless.

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STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai business circles have been stirred by reports that marine underwriters in London have ceased quoting rates for Hong Kong and Shanghai, owing to the present Pacific crisis.

Agencies handling marine insurance assert that the report is authentic and means that the British view the situation in the Orient with increasing concern.

Shanghai and Hong Kong marine underwriters are now at liberty to quote whatever rates they see fit but the war risk quotation is not affected by the new ruling, according to the agencies.—International News Service.

Reuter says the news is contained in a special article in today's "China Press."

Underwriters outside London, the article says, will continue to quote rates for Far East traffic, but it may be expected that rates will shortly be increased substantially.

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JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC SWITCH?

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JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, yesterday rejected Japanese feelers for joint mediation in the war and reiterated there will be no peace as long as the totalitarians pursue military conquest.

Peace terms, published in the Japanese Foreign Office organ, "Times-Advertiser," give the Axis complete power in Europe, Africa and the Far East.

THEY ARE REGARDED AS TANTAMOUNT TO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AND ARE TERMED IN WASHINGTON "PREPOSTEROUS."

Mr. Hull told his press conference he would not give the proposals the dignity of official status but took the occasion unmistakably to reaffirm the United States attitude to aggressors.—International News Service.

Hint That Hitler Has Changed His Attitude

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A HIGH JAPANESE AUTHORITY IN LONDON DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE NEXT MAJOR JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC MOVE CAN BE EXPECTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND REACH AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE PACIFIC.

Japan is increasingly reluctant to enter the war and is seeking a guarantee against the development of further wars, the authority said.

Mr. Matsuoka "has not been unqualifiedly successful" after his return to Tokyo, it was added.

Japanese circles in London even discreetly hint that in a sudden emergency Japan might side with the United States.

Berlin is reported to have changed its attitude to Japan.

AFTER REPEATEDLY URGING TOKYO TO START THE SOUTHWARD DRIVE, THE NAZIS NOW DO NOT WANT JAPAN TO ENTER THE WAR AS THEY WOULD REQUIRE GERMAN SUPPLIES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Standing Fear

Behind other obstacles to Japan's southward expansion programme, says the "Manchester Guardian," in an editorial, is the standing fear that the United States would not allow her to make a triumphant war in the western Pacific, crushing the Dutch East Indies and attacking the British position from the Far East to the Red Sea.

Hence, a Japanese writer's suggestion that Mr. Matsuoka should now fly to see President Roosevelt.

A Good Thing

Recalling Mr. Cordell Hull's words on January 15, that "Japan has been actuated from the start by broad and ambitious plans for establishing herself in a dominating position in the entire region of the western Pacific," it should be manifest to every person that such a programme for subjugation and ruthless exploitation by one country of nearly one half of the population of the world, is a matter of intense significance, importance and concern to every other nation, wherever located," the "Guardian" comments "Yes, yes, it would be a good thing after all if Mr. Matsuoka saw the President."—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICAN TO FLY TO SINGAPORE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Because of "existing world conditions and the importance of the East Indies and Malaya to the United States," the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington yesterday authorised Pan-American commercial flying between Manila and Singapore for five years.—International News Service.

GERMAN-SOVIET RUPTURE DANGER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE DREAM OF the possibility of a German-Russian rupture has moved a step closer to reality with the Russian charge that German troops have landed in Finland.

Optimists in London rushed to the conclusion that the announcement was an indirect warning but even conservatives regard it as an indication that Moscow is increasingly perturbed that Hitler may be preparing for a drang nach Osten.

BERLIN THREATS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Berlin spokesman yesterday said that all ships entering the war zone will be torpedoed. He referred to President Roosevelt's plan for the extension of the United States patrol.

"Whether President Roosevelt intends to send his ships to the war zones is not our concern, but it will not change our policy," said the spokesman.

Authentic Finn sources in London say that German troops landed in Finland as a result of an urgent request from Field-Marshal Mannerheim, who believes Russia plans a full occupation of Finland to safeguard Leningrad.

These sources say an earlier request was refused by Berlin for fear of war with Russia but the Nazis finally agreed to a token force on condition that the troops were transferred to Norway in the event of a Russian protest.

It is believed the statement by "Pravda" will end the matter temporarily.—International News Service.

Whether any one recognises the German blockade or not.—International News Service.

U.S. SHIP STOPPED

Nazis Taken
Off By Cruiser

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Canadian cruiser on Tuesday halted the Orient-bound "President Garfield" a few hundred miles east of Honolulu and removed a small band of German aviators on board the American liner.

The aviators — Ewald Flesch, Werner Nuemar, Hans Sandamm and Guenther Katse — were en route to join the Luftwaffe.

They sailed on Friday from San Francisco where they had been stranded almost a year after quitting jobs in a German air line in South America. Japanese steamship lines refused them a passage and when their visas expired they were offered the alternatives of a passage on an American vessel or return to South America.

Pool To Be Created

Plans for the creation of a pool of ships by President Roosevelt was announced in Washington yesterday by Admiral Land.

This pool of ships will be used for national defence and will also be available for transfer.—International News Service.



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Mr. Churchill's Statement In The Commons

Complete Nazi Failure To Break Orderly Retirement

THE EVACUATION OF AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE, THOUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT WAS LEFT BEHIND, WAS DISCLOSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, IN REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE THIS SUMMER

It was officially announced in London yesterday (says Reuter) that the British trans-Atlantic air service will be resumed this summer for purposes connected with the war.

"CONVOY PATROL" BY R.A.F.

The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas in the Mediterranean, it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday.

Enemy aircraft attacks have been repeatedly repulsed, while concentrations of enemy planes at Derna and aerodromes in Cyrenaica were heavily raided on Monday night. Many bombs burst among dispersed aircraft.

This action follows the strafing by daylight of concentrations of Junkers troop-carrying aircraft at Benina aerodrome, where 110 ten were lined up, on Monday.

Benghazi harbour was also raided and there were many explosions.

R.A.F. fighters continued to harass the enemy by low-level machine-gun attacks.

Three enemy aircraft have been shot down by A.A. over Tobruk in the past two days.

Enemy troop positions and ammunition dumps are attacked in the Uadai area of Abyssinia by South African planes. Motor transport was destroyed and heavy casualties caused among white and native troops.

Direct hits were made on a building on Tandeso aerodrome. Four planes are missing from these operations.—Reuter.

QUAKER UNIT FOR CHINA

Four members of a Quaker ambulance unit, under the auspices of the British Red Cross, led by Peter Tennant, are leaving England this week for Chungking for service as the Chinese Government may think best.

The party numbers 40, and the remainder are following shortly.—Reuter.

The Prime Minister declared: "Up to the moment when evacuation was seen to be inevitable, we had landed about 60,000 men in Greece, including one New Zealand and one Australian division. Of these at least 45,000 have been evacuated. (Cheers).

"Considering our Air Force was, through the superiority of the enemy force, compelled to leave the air fields from which it could alone effectively cover the retreat of the troops, and that only a small portion could be used to cover the points of embarkation, this must be considered remarkable.

"The conduct of the troops, especially the rearguard, in fighting their way so many miles to the sea, merits the highest praise.

"IT IS THE FIRST INSTANCE WHERE AIR BOMBING, PROLONGED DAY AFTER DAY, HAS FAILED TO BREAK THE DISCIPLINE AND ORDER OF MARCHING COLUMNS, WHO, BESIDES BEING THUS ASSAILED FROM THE AIR, WERE PURSUED BY NO LESS THAN THREE GERMAN ARMoured DIVISIONS, AS WELL AS THE WHOLE STRENGTH OF THE GERMAN MECHANISED FORCES WHICH COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

3,000 Casualties

"In the actual fighting, principally on Mount Olympus, round Grevena and at Thermopylae, about 3,000 casualties, killed and wounded, are reported to have been suffered by our troops.

"This was a very small part of the losses inflicted on the Germans who, on several occasions, sometimes for two days at a time, were brought to a standstill by forces one-fifth of their number.

"NOR DOES IT TAKE ANY ACCOUNT OF GERMAN LOSSES INCURRED IN THEIR ASSAULTS UPON THE GREEK AND YUGOSLAV ARMIES.

"I dare say it will be possible to give a fuller account in the debate next week but I think I have said enough to show that painful as are our losses we have much to be thankful for and the Empire owes much to be proud of." (Cheers).

Within The Figure

When asked whether that meant that 45,000 men had successfully reached their bases, Mr. Churchill replied: "I believe that is so. Indeed, I think I am well within the figure."

Replying to another query the Prime Minister said heavy equipment could not, of course, be removed, but the Germans were not short of heavy equipment.—Reuter.

Three Divisions Still Fighting

Three divisions of British and Greek troops were still resisting in Peloponnesus, according to the Turin newspaper "Stampa" yesterday.

The paper says they occupy a line running across the centre of the peninsula from Agullinizza, on the Ionian Sea, to Arcos, north of Nauplia, and possess as

embarkation points only Nauplia and Malamata.—Reuter.

Light Guns Got Away

In connection with the Premier's announcement in the Commons that 45,000 out of 60,000 British and Empire troops landed in Greece are now evacuated and safely transported to bases, that total casualties were 3,000 killed and wounded, and that heavy equipment was not removed, it can be stated that the personal equipment of the troops and light guns were got away.

As to the military lessons of the campaign the daring of the Anzacs and British troops showed there was an answer to attacks by enemy armoured divisions, and German dive bombers proved much less formidable than generally expected.

The aim of the German airmen was not very accurate and it is noted with special satisfaction that dive bombing failed to disturb the discipline and morale of the British troops.—British Wireless.

STATEMENT CAIRO

A communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday announced:—Greece—the withdrawal of our troops is continuing satisfactorily.

Libya and Tobruk—no change in the situation.

Sodium—patrol activities are continuing.

Abyssinia—units of the Sudan Defence Force captured Sokota on Sunday last, inflicting many casualties on the enemy.

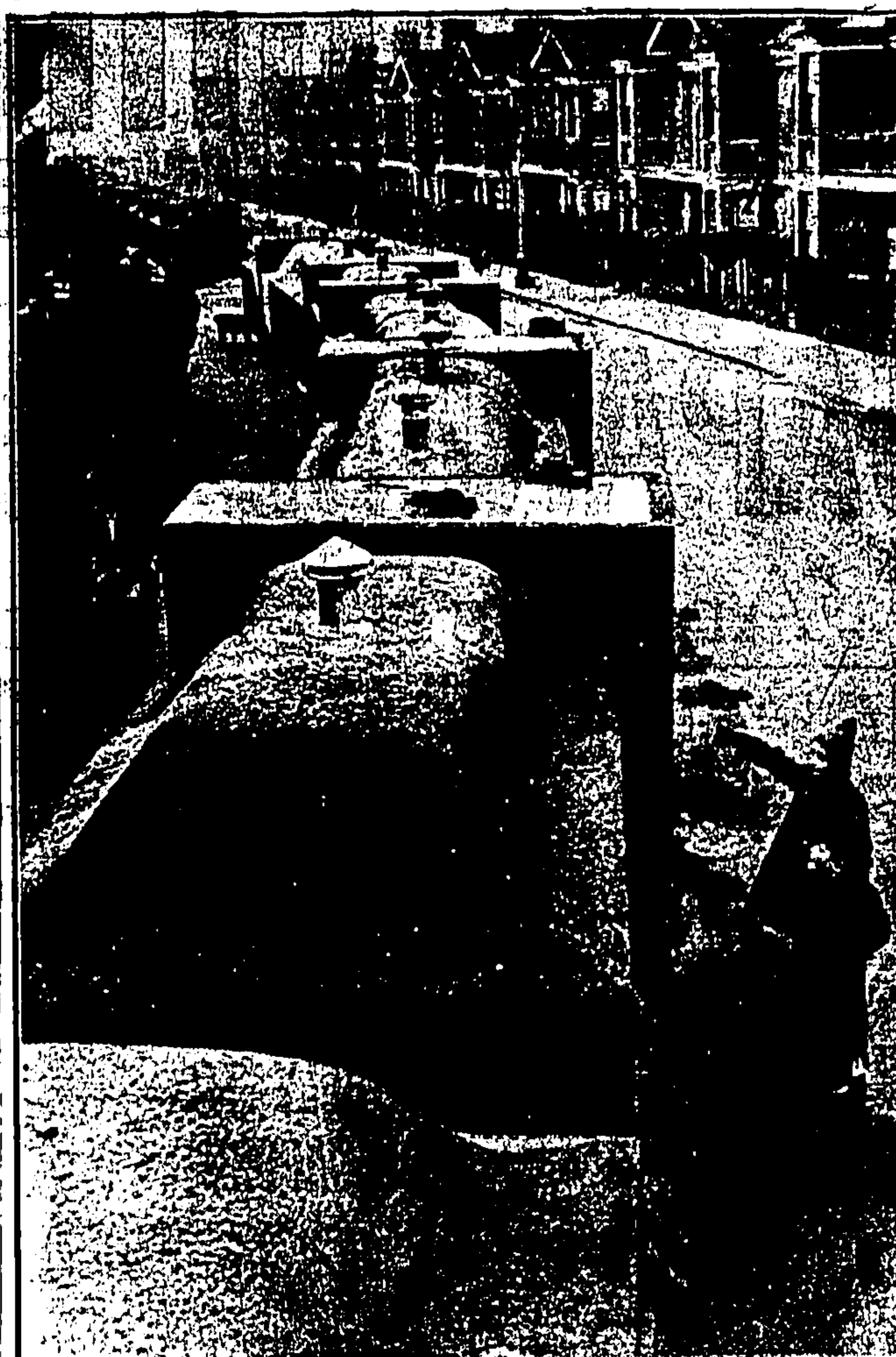
A further 515 prisoners were taken, of whom 400 colonial troops immediately volunteered to enter the Emperor's service.

In all other areas the activities of our own troops and Patriot forces continue to clear the country of isolated detachments.—Reuter.

GIBRALTAR PREPARES

Troopships escorted by two destroyers, which arrived at Gibraltar, have sailed again, according to an Algeiras despatch to Vichy.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar on Tuesday night when planes dropped sandbags repre-



This is not a new type of train, but the queer effect of ventilators placed in the roof tops of street shelters in South London. (Copyright, Fox).

IN CONFORMITY WITH REQUEST OF GREECE

A LETTER FROM the Greek Government to the British Government was read by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday, as follows:—

"The Greek Government, while expressing to the British Government and the gallant Imperial troops their gratitude for the aid to Greece in defence against an unjust aggressor, are obliged to make the following statement.

"After conducting a victorious struggle against strongly superior enemy forces for more than six months the Greek army has now reached the stage of exhaustion and finds itself completely deprived of certain resources indispensable for the pursuit of war, like munitions, motorised vehicles and aeroplanes—resources with which it was inadequately supplied from the outbreak of hostilities.

"This state of things makes it impossible for the Greeks to continue the struggle with any chance of success and deprives them of all hope of being able to lend assistance to their valiant ally.

Vain Sacrifice

"Consequently the Greek Government are obliged to state that further sacrifice of the British Expeditionary Force would be in vain and its withdrawal in time seems rendered necessary by circumstances and by interests common to the struggle."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) asked Mr. Eden to convey to the Greek Premier, Britain's deep gratitude for the magnificent courage and endurance which the Greek army had shown and for their loyalty as allies. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden concurred, and added: "The whole House feels no tribute can be too high for what they have achieved."—Reuter.

Greek Assistance

"In view of the importance of the British contingents, in view of the aviation at their disposal, and in view of the extent of the front heroically defended by them,

senting bombs. Last night long-range firing practice was being carried out from the northern front of the rock.—Reuter.

AMAZING EXPLOIT OF BRITISH SUBMARINE

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET IMPRACTICAL

The London "Daily Telegraph" regards the Imperial War Cabinet idea as impracticable, on the ground that such a body cannot remain long together.

It points out that Mr. Lloyd George assembled one in 1917 which sat for the first time on March 20 and the last time on May 2.—Reuter.

RENEWED FAITH OF MANKIND

Mr. Churchill faced the facts again in his broadcast and the world is the better for it, says the "Los Angeles Times."

He appraised the growing beauty of the comradeship felt by the U.S.A. for Britain as shown by its sea patrols.

Every time the forthright British Premier speaks out he clears the cobwebs from the minds of his own people and renews the faith of mankind.

Mr. Churchill's task was more difficult than ever this time.

Heavy defeats had been suffered by the British on two fronts.

In moments of victory, Mr. Churchill has seen triumphs ahead—in moments of defeat he has been able to see the picture as a whole and not just as a passing shadow on the immediate view.

Bathed The Public Wound

This time his faith has been an inspiration, his courage an example.

His scorn for the Jackal Mussolini has been that of any decent man in any country.

The British are sore beset, but once again their leader has measured up. He refreshed the public mind and bathed the public wound.

Britain can carry on with greater faith than ever.—Reuter.

ABYSSINIA DESERTERS

During the past few months deserters from the enemy in Abyssinia have been coming over in ever-increasing numbers to join the Emperor's army.

Latest arrivals are 400 Italian colonial troops from Fort Mota, which was captured a few days ago.

Many native troops were forced into military service by the Italians after the occupation of Abyssinia. They have seized the first opportunity to rejoin the Emperor, and many brought with them their arms and ammunition supplied by the Italians.—Reuter.

Attempt To Rescue Mr. Campbell

AN ATTEMPT BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE TO RESCUE THE BRITISH MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA, MR. RONALD CAMPBELL, IN AN ITALIAN-OCCUPIED PORT ON THE DALMATIAN COAST, IS TOLD IN THE FOLLOWING BRITISH ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

"A report has been received from the Mediterranean of an exceedingly audacious attempt by one of our submarines, Regent (Lt.-Cmdr. P. J. H. Bartlett), to embark Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugoslavia, and his staff after the collapse of organised Yugoslav resistance.

"At dawn on April 26 the port was occupied by the Italian army. Nevertheless Regent entered the port and an officer from the submarine was landed to call on the senior Italian naval officer in charge.

"As a result, an Italian army staff officer was embarked in Regent as a hostage while the British officer went in search of Mr. Ronald Campbell.

"Meanwhile, Regent lay in the harbour wearing her largest White Ensign whilst surrounded by large forces of the Italian army.

"This tense but farcical situation continued for nine hours while the submarine waited in the hope that the landed British officer would find Mr. Ronald Campbell and bring him down to the port.

An Attack

"Nine hours after entering the harbour, however, Regent was attacked by two Italian dive-bombers. These dropped several bombs and attacked with machine-guns, slightly wounding the commanding officer, the First Lieutenant and one petty officer.

"The commanding officer of Regent then decided he could wait no longer in face of the great risk of further attacks. Regent dived and left harbour submerged.

"Regent had to pass through two minefields in order to reach the harbour of Kotor.

THESE SHE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED ON LEAVING AND THEN PASSED OUT OF THE ADRIATIC AND RETURNED TO HER BASE WITH THE ITALIAN HOSTAGE STILL ON BOARD.

Cool Courage

"Although Regent's mission was unsuccessful in rescuing the British Minister, the fact that a British submarine could lie for nine hours in a harbour occupied by the enemy, and subsequently be successfully extricated, is a tribute to the coolness and determination of the commanding officer and crew of Regent.—Reuter.

On China Coast

H.M.S. Regent, the submarine concerned in this exploit, was engaged in service with the China Fleet until the outbreak of war. She was then under different command.

Lt.-Commander Bartlett, hero of the Regent's exploit, was for a time in command of the submarine Perseus on the China Station before the war.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT ATTACKS ON NAZI SHIPS

In daylight on Tuesday aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command with fighter escort searched the French and Belgian coasts for enemy shipping.

Near Ostend they found a convoy, and in the attack that followed a ship of 2,000 tons was set on fire. Another ship of 600 tons is claimed as damaged.

The ships were also machine-gunned and the gun crew of the largest ship is believed to have been disabled as the guns ceased to fire before the attack was over.

Several Messerschmidt 109's came in to drive off our aircraft and during a general engagement at least one was damaged by one of our bombers.

Near the Isle of Brehat, southwest of the Channel Islands and a few miles from the coast of France, a sunken ship of 1,000 tons was successfully attacked by other aircraft from a very low level.

Off Norway

Off the coast of Norway attacks were made on escorted supply ships. Diving to under 200 feet two aircraft dropped bombs on the largest ship, a vessel of between 4,000 and 5,000 tons, and immediately after the bombs had exploded the ship was well alight and she made a quick turn towards land. It is believed she was severely damaged, perhaps beyond repair.

In the course of daylight operations attacks were made on other ships off the Norwegian coast.

An Air Ministry communique states that from these daylight operations two R.A.F. bombers and one fighter are missing.—British Wireless.

Dig At Italy

A dig at Italy is the interpretation in some quarters in Washington of the action of the U.S. War Department in promoting Major William Bentley, whose recall from Rome was demanded by Italy, from the position of Assistant Military Attaché, and assigning him to an important post at Tangier.—Reuter.



Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had just left their home during a raid on London when a stick of bombs were dropped and they both lost their right leg. One of the bombs demolished All Hallows, Barking Church, in which they were married seven years ago. Now fit again, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are seen viewing the damaged church. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. CAMPBELL REPORTED PLAYING BRIDGE AT DURAZZO

SITTING IN THE BEST hotel in Durazzo, reading and playing bridge, are diplomats and their families — some 50 persons altogether — from Belgrade, says the special correspondent of the German wireless service in Albania.

They consist of members of the Dutch, Belgian, Polish and British legations and consulates in Belgrade, and the message claims that Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister in Belgrade, is among the party.

The world has been seeking his whereabouts since the German occupation of Yugoslavia, and on Tuesday the British Government asked the United States to enquire from the Italian and German Governments for news of Mr. Campbell.

A MESSAGE ON TUESDAY FROM THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID MR. CAMPBELL WAS CAPTURED AT SEA ON THE WAY TO CRETE BY THE ITALIAN NAVY.

Now they say the diplomatic party was surprised by Italian troops as they were about to embark on a British submarine, which got away.

The message adds the Italian Government have not yet decided on their future.—Reuter.

No Bombs In Daylight

NO BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON BRITAIN DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

A small number of German aircraft, flying singly, crossed the coasts at widely separated points but nowhere did they fly far inland.

The communique says it is now confirmed that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed on Tuesday night.—Reuter.

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GERMAN LANDINGS IN FINLAND: ANOTHER MARES-NEST

REPORTS OF JOINT GERMAN-FINNISH MANOEUVRES IN FINLAND ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED IN HELSINKI, STATES A SWISS AGENCY TELEGRAM FROM THE FINNISH CAPITAL RECEIVED IN BERNE LAST NIGHT.

In London there is no confirmation in authoritative quarters of the reports of a landing in Finland by 12,000 German troops with tanks and other equipment, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says nothing is known in London of a report that German transports have landed troops at Turku (Abo).

He adds the Germans have an agreement with the Finnish Government allowing the transit of troops through Finland to Petsamo and thence to northern Norway.

This agreement, which was regarded in London as unfortunate, was the subject of strong representations to the Finnish Government by Britain.

The agreement also allowed the transit of troops on leave in Germany through Finland on their return to their units in northern Norway.

Troops On Leave

It may well be that owing to bad weather with ice and snow in Finland, northern Norway and the Gulf of Bothnia, which has prevailed in these parts in recent months, many troops on leave may have been held up.

The coming of Spring weather may now have accelerated leave-going arrangements and there may be news of even more troops passing through Finland during the next few weeks.

It is believed the agreement between the Finns and Germans allowed the passage of "materials" as well as troops on leave.—Reuter.

Exaggeration

"The figures given by Moscow bent all previous records in exaggeration," was the unofficial comment in Helsinki following the "semi-official" statement made in the Finnish capital that a limited number of Germans had passed through Finland in accordance with the transit arrangements made in the autumn of 1940.

The Moscow newspaper "Pravda" had said that 12,000 men, with tanks and guns, landed at the Finnish port of Abo. Reuter's Moscow correspondent states the report was received there with no great surprise. According to neutrals, the Germans in Moscow say the troops are probably on the way to Narvik.—Reuter.

Washington Statement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Finn Minister in Washington yesterday "emphatically and categorically" denied that 12,000 German troops had landed in Finland.

He said unarmed German soldiers, numbering over 1,300, had reached Turku in accordance with last autumn's transit agreement.—International News Service.

ALLIANCE WITH CHINA URGED

After an address at the Royal Empire Society in London by Sir Francis Lindley, former British Ambassador to Japan, who said that the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact is "not worth the paper it is written on," Brigadier-General Woodroffe appealed for immediate understanding between Britain, America, and China. "If the enemy captures the Suez Canal, the Japanese will come in. If we want, as we shall, assistance of the Chinese, then now is the time to act."—Central News.

MEXICO LODGES PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, revealed yesterday that the Mexican Government has formally protested to Italy against the seizure of three Mexican tankers under construction in Genoa.

The vessels were to be paid for with Mexican oil which had been delivered before Italy's entrance into the war. Senor Padilla said these oil credits totalled \$5,000,000.

Italy seized the vessels after Mexico took over Italian vessels in Mexican harbours.—International News Service.

SHANGHAI COAL CRISIS BROKEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The critical coal situation broke in Shanghai yesterday with the announcement by George McBain's that an agreement has been reached with the Japanese for permission to ship 50,000 tons of coal from the Mentoukou mines.

This, however, does not affect the Shanghai Power Company's difficulties as the latter uses soft coal.

The new shipments will benefit householders and apartment owners.

The announcement created a rise in McBain shares of two points on the Stock Exchange.—International News Service.

ANTI-CONVOY RESOLUTION SQUASHED

The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday squashed, by 13 votes to 10, a resolution that would have prohibited the use of convoys without Congressional sanction.—Reuter.

Goebbels Slanders Australia

There is no industrial unrest in Australia, according to a cable from the Australian Trades Union Council to Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trades Union Council yesterday.

The cable assures British Trade Unionists that reports suggesting there are serious industrial disturbances are untrue and a libel on Australian workers, who are determined to destroy the forces of oppression.

"There is no industrial turmoil here," adds the cable. The message supports an earlier statement by Mr. Holt, Minister of Labour and National Service, who cabled the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, in London, describing as "utterly false" enemy propaganda alleging industrial unrest in Australia.—Reuter.

'PRAVDA' KEEPS UP TIRADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While fleets of planes soared over Moscow yesterday in preparation for to-day's May Day display, the newspaper "Pravda" again attacked the western "capitalist countries."

The attack follows close on the heels of the decree banning the transit of war supplies through Russian territory.

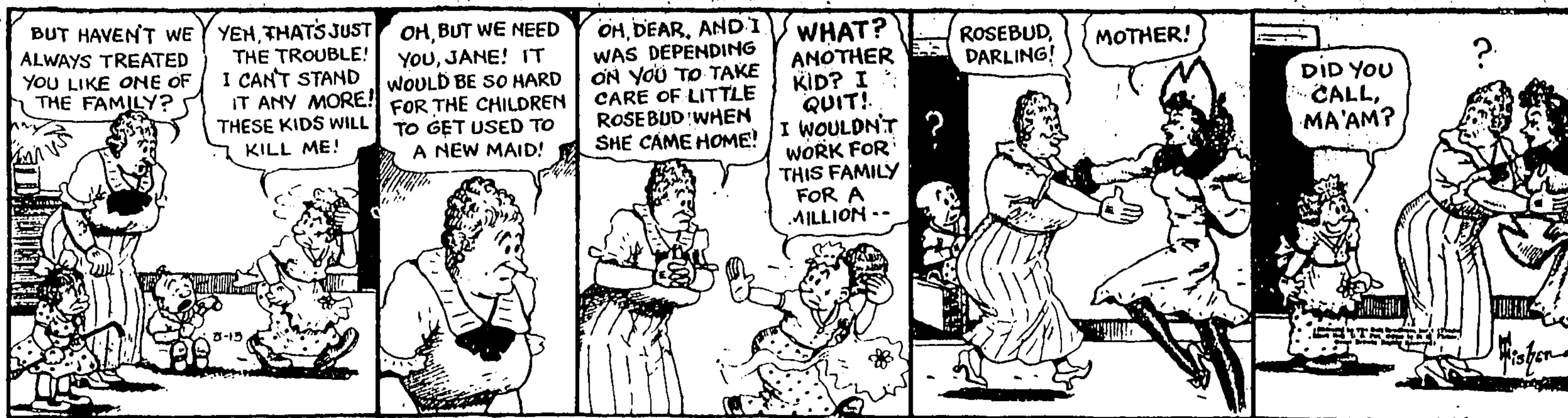
The same paper said that workers in the Karelian Finn Republic are "living in friendship while beyond the border national hatred and war ideology are being developed in the capitalist countries as never before."—International News Service.

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APRIL TOLL OF R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

ALTOGETHER 252 GERMAN AND ITALIAN AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THE BALKANS AND AFRICA DURING APRIL.

In the Western Desert 81 were shot down by British fighters, 11 were destroyed by A.A. fire and 31 were destroyed on the ground.

In Greece and Albania, British fighters accounted for 55 enemy planes while 10 more were shot down by A.A. fire.

In East Africa, owing to the increasing weakness of Italian resistance, only eight of their planes were shot down during April, but advancing British troops discovered 46 Italian aircraft destroyed on their own aerodromes.

The Air Ministry news service, giving these facts yesterday, says a great part of the destruction in East Africa was achieved by the South African Air Force, which was particularly active throughout the campaign in attacking Italian aerodromes.

British Losses

In addition to the R.A.F. and the South Africans, units of the

Royal Australian, Rhodesian and Free French air forces played their part in all these operations.

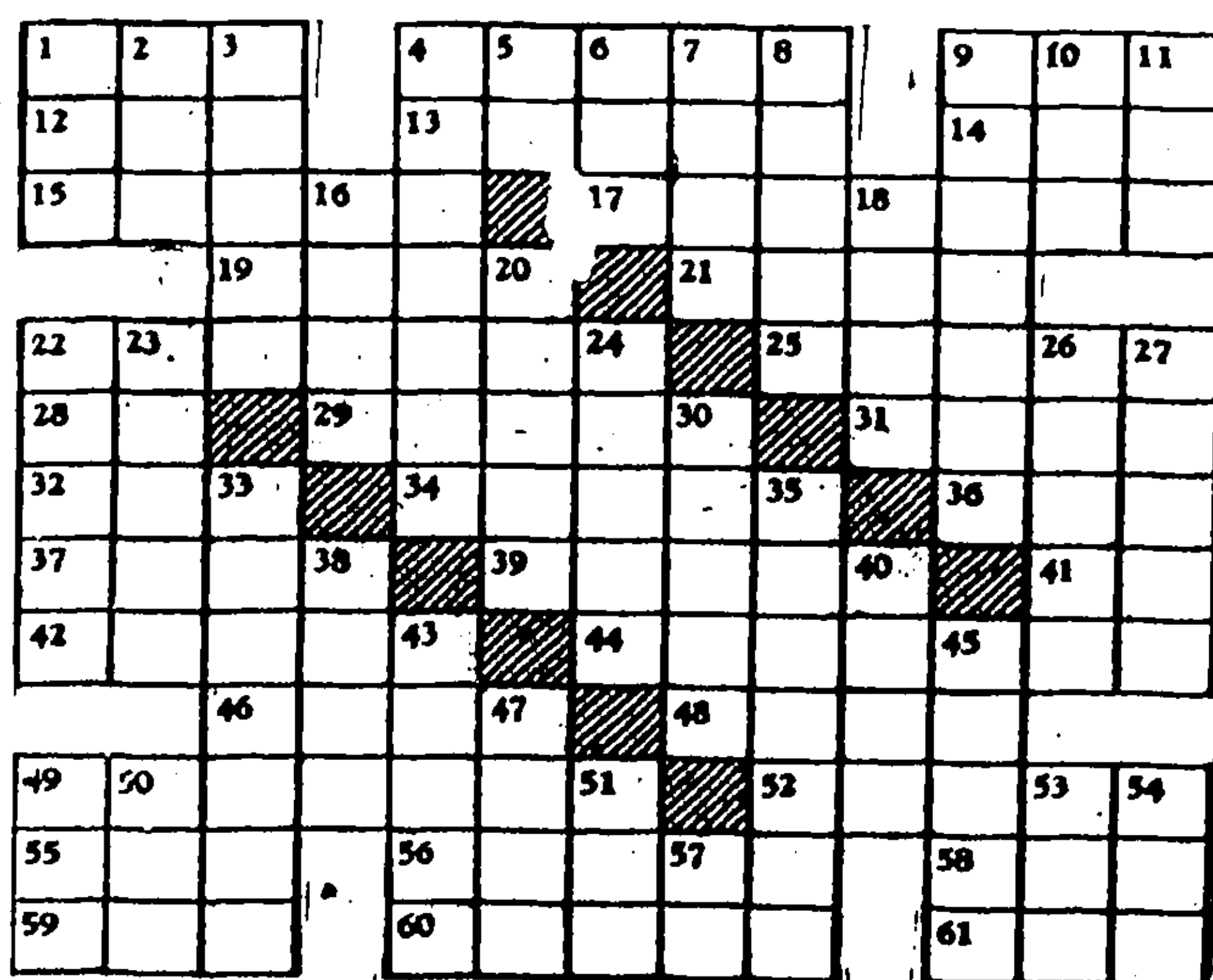
British losses for the month totalled 58, but in many instances the pilots returned safely. — Reuter.

NAZI FREIGHTER'S CARGO

The German freighter "Na'el," which has arrived at Santos (Brazil) from Hamburg, carried 2,592 tons of cargo, consisting largely of machinery and aeroplane parts. — Reuter.

International News quotes unofficial quarters in Buenos Aires as saying that three more Axis ships are en route to Santos.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Indo-Chinese language
- 4 Giver
- 9 Ready
- 12 Doctrine
- 13 To take out
- 14 Sticky substance
- 15 Pungent
- 17 Stinging
- 18 River in New Mexico
- 21 True
- 22 To claim
- 25 Ornamental shrub
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Russian stockade
- 31 To venture
- 32 Finish
- 34 Growing out
- 36 Free
- 37 Matures
- 39 Feeble-minded
- 41 Symbol for selenium
- 42 Membrane
- 44 Strown over
- 46 Boring tools
- 48 Son of Isaac
- 49 Colloquial

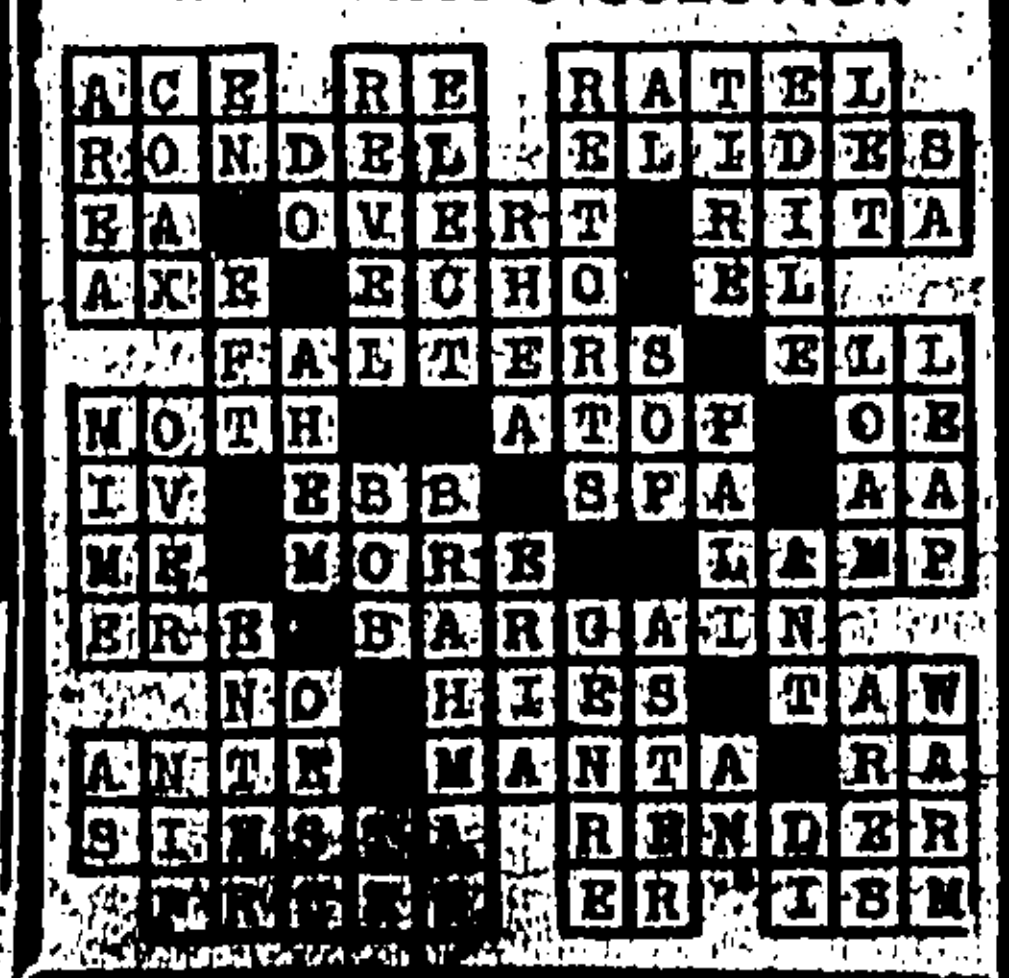
VERTICAL

- 1 Poetic: it is
- 2 Ember
- 3 Adult insect
- 4 To reduce
- 5 Symbol for oleum
- 6 To bite
- 7 German river

8 To keep back

- 9 Astral
- 10 Head organ
- 11 To attempt
- 16 Plentiful
- 18 Reimbursed
- 20 Hindu prayer rug
- 22 Fold
- 23 Extent
- 24 Stretches
- 26 To ascend
- 27 Granted
- 30 Eaglestone
- 33 Procrastinated
- 35 Act of escaping
- 38 Wise sayings
- 40 Dutch cheese
- 42 To choose
- 43 Fooled
- 47 Withered
- 49 Owing
- 50 Conciliation
- 51 Lair
- 53 Before
- 54 Rule
- 57 To act

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



EIRE'S NEW VOTE FOR ARMY

The Dail, by agreement yesterday, passed without discussion the Army vote for £8,383,556 for the year 1941/42.

The amount for 1938/39 (the last "peace-time" vote) was £1,672,025. — Reuter.

Summer Holiday Decided

An official Government statement in London yesterday on summer holidays says Government takes the view that for purposes of efficiency in war production and in other essential business, the customary summer holiday, not exceeding one week, should, in general, be taken this year.

In some firms it may be better, from the viewpoint of efficiency, to close down for the holiday period if advantage can be taken to overhaul plant.

The statement says holidays should be spread over the period May to October.

Subject to unforeseen circumstances, Whit Monday holiday in England and Wales will not be cancelled, nor Victoria Day holiday in Scotland, though it will be necessary for people engaged on special urgent production to work these days. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI COST OF LIVING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A RECORD INCREASE IN LIVING COSTS, BOTH FOREIGN AND CHINESE, IS RECORDED BY THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S INDUSTRIAL SECTION REPORT COVERING APRIL, ISSUED YESTERDAY.

Cost of living for Chinese exceeds the 700 mark, caused by increases in briquettes and rice, and reduction of the purchasing power of the dollar to 13.65 cents compared with 14.71 in March. — International News Service.

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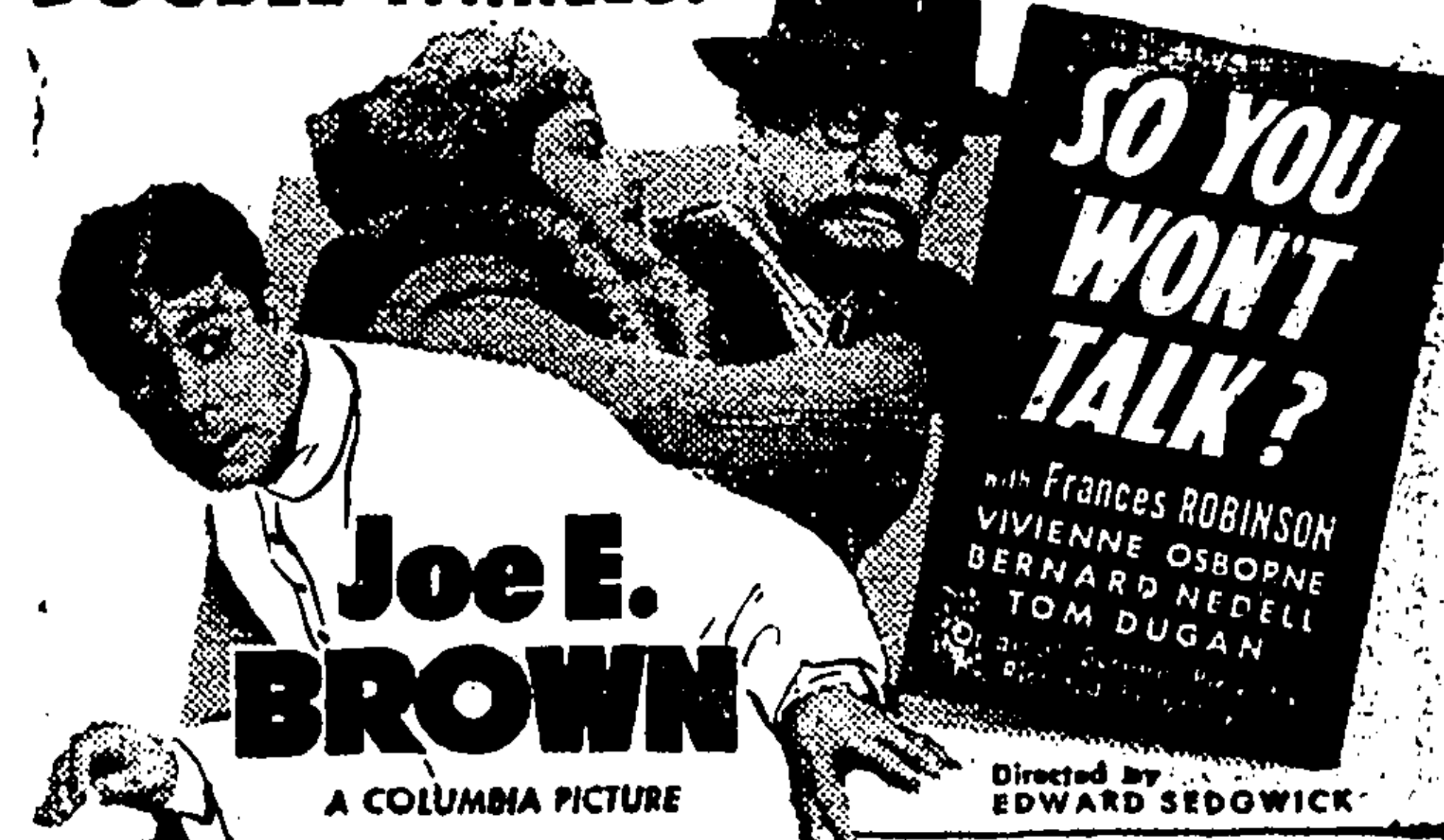
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BACKGROUND OF GREEK QUISLING

GENERAL TSOLAKOGLU, who has been induced to set up a Quisling government in Athens by the German invaders, was more of a courtier than a soldier and owes his military promotion to the assiduous cultivation of relations with the Greek Royal Family, writes *Reuter's* diplomatic correspondent.

This fact, plus that fact that he signed the capitulation, makes his acceptance of office and his criticism of King George of Greece the more reprehensible.

He has no serious following, and the fact that the Germans have not been able to secure anybody of first rank is an indication of the continued resistance of popular feeling.

It is learnt that the British Minister in Athens has safely arrived in Crete and is in contact with the legitimate Greek Government.

Curious Career

Germany's latest Quisling has had a curious army career. He served in the Balkan operations of 1912-13 without distinction but was out of the army from 1915 to 1920.

Then, when the Monarchy was restored, he rejoined and served as Chief of Staff of the 4th Greek Division in Asia Minor.

He abandoned his unit during the retreat and returned to Athens, where he reported that his divisional commander, General Dimaras, had died and that he had attended the burial.

Left In Disgrace

The family of General Dimaras went into mourning but three months later it turned out that the whole story was untrue and that General Dimaras was a prisoner of the Turks.

Tsolakoglu left the army in disgrace but was restored in 1927 as a result of political influence.

Associated with many petty political intrigues, he is practically unknown in Greece, where he enjoys very little consideration.—*Reuter*.

VILLAGE GIVES BLOOD

Almost every villager in Harewood followed the example of the Princess Royal by volunteering to become blood donors.

The Princess went to Leeds in response to a broadcast appeal and gave a pint of her blood.

By midday nearly everyone in Harewood had a small piece of cottonwool adhering to the lobe of one ear.

People stood in queues at the village hall while a mobile transfusion unit "tapped" the lobes of their ears.

Postman Granville Scott, who delivers letters to the Princess Royal at Harewood House, was delayed on his parcels delivery. While the postmistress, Miss Amy Ibbotson and her sister, Miss Sally Ibbotson, were being tested at the post office, Mr. Scott started on his round.

Vicarage — And 'Local'

But Nurse Ailsa Lax, of the British Red Cross Society, who formerly worked in the office of her father, an architect, stopped him in the street and persuaded him to sign an enrolment form.

Other nurses, headed by Sister Eveline McGuinness, went to the vicarage, where the Rev. H. H. Griffiths submitted to a test, and the village "local" where the landlord, Mr. Edward E. Browne, was enrolled.

The unit, accompanied by Dr. W. S. Stanbury, regional transfusion officer from Leeds, visited Harewood House, where twelve of the staff of four teen volunteered.

HONG KONG ON 'BLACK LIST'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai business circles have been stirred by reports that marine underwriters in London have ceased quoting rates for Hong Kong and Shanghai, owing to the present Pacific crisis.

Agencies handling marine insurance assert that the report is authentic and means that the British view the situation in the Orient with increasing concern.

Shanghai and Hong Kong marine underwriters are now at liberty to quote whatever rates they see fit but the war risk quotation is not affected by the new ruling, according to the agencies.—*International News Service*.

Reuter says the news is contained in a special article in today's "China Press."

Underwriters outside London, the article says, will continue to quote rates for Far East traffic, but it may be expected that rates will shortly be increased substantially.

GAOL FOR PAIR OF TRICKSTERS

For giving false information to Detective Shek Tui on Tuesday, Ho Muk, 44, pig breeder, and Cheung Yick, 27, confectioner, were sentenced to 10 weeks' and four weeks' hard labour respectively by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that a month ago first accused was given \$500, for the purpose of rearing 12 pigs, by a man named Cheung Chun-kang. The agreement was that first accused should repay the \$500 plus 20 per cent. of the profits when the pigs were sold.

On Tuesday, first accused, accompanied by second accused, sold the pigs and collected \$615.73.

Accused later made a report at Kowloon City Police Station, stating that while in Argyle Street they had been held up by five robbers, one armed with a revolver and one with a knife, who robbed them of the money.

Enquiries were made by Detective Shek Tui, who eventually established that it was a false story.

First accused later admitted that he kept the money at a friend's house. Second accused was only asked by first accused to corroborate.

Sergeant Fraser asked the Magistrate to take a serious view of the case, for a number of police officers were detailed as soon as accused made the report. The officers involved included Detective Shek Tui, whose time, stated the Sergeant, was very valuable since he had a number of important cases in his charge.

REPORT OF PACIFIC GENTLEMEN'S UNDERSTANDING

UNDER A GENTLEMEN'S understanding Britain, the United States, Australia and the Netherlands will place their land, sea and air bases in the Pacific for mutual use if any of them is attacked by another Power, it was learned in London to-day.

It is generally recognised that after the Balkan successes, Hitler is hastily preparing an assault on Gibraltar and a thrust to the Suez Canal and Iraq.

Heavy pressure is being brought to bear upon General Franco to adhere to the Axis or to allow the passage of German troops through Spain for the attack on Gibraltar with a view to locking the western gate of the Mediterranean.

Simultaneously reinforcement of German troops by air to Libya is in progress, preparatory to a thrust across the Nile Valley to the Suez Canal.

Occupation of Greek islands in the eastern Mediterranean linked with the Italian Dodecanese enable him to control the entrance to the Dardanelles and is also a stepping stone to Syria where infiltration of "German" tourists have been reported, thereby sidestepping Turkey if he does not

wish to offend or clash with Russia, believed to be backing up Turkey to resist.

Pressure On Japan

It is believed that Hitler is also exerting pressure upon Japan to act concurrently with his general offensive.

Experts believe, however, that the United States Navy, cooperating with the British Navy and using the Singapore base, could deal a devastating blow to Japan if the Japanese Navy operate too far from its home bases. The proximity of Japanese troops concentrations in French Indo-China has already been taken into consideration.—*Central News*.

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ITALIAN HOPES

From an extreme dejection over Fascist defeats the Italian public has suddenly swung, with the news of what German arms have accomplished in Libya and the Balkans, to a zenith of optimism. So high are the hopes induced by the Nazi war communiques that Mussolini's kept press has found it necessary to put in a word of caution. The Rome "Messaggero," for instance, warns its readers that wars have their ups and downs, and hence it is "inopportune, imprudent and harmful to abandon one's self to-day to fantastic forecasts on the duration of the war."

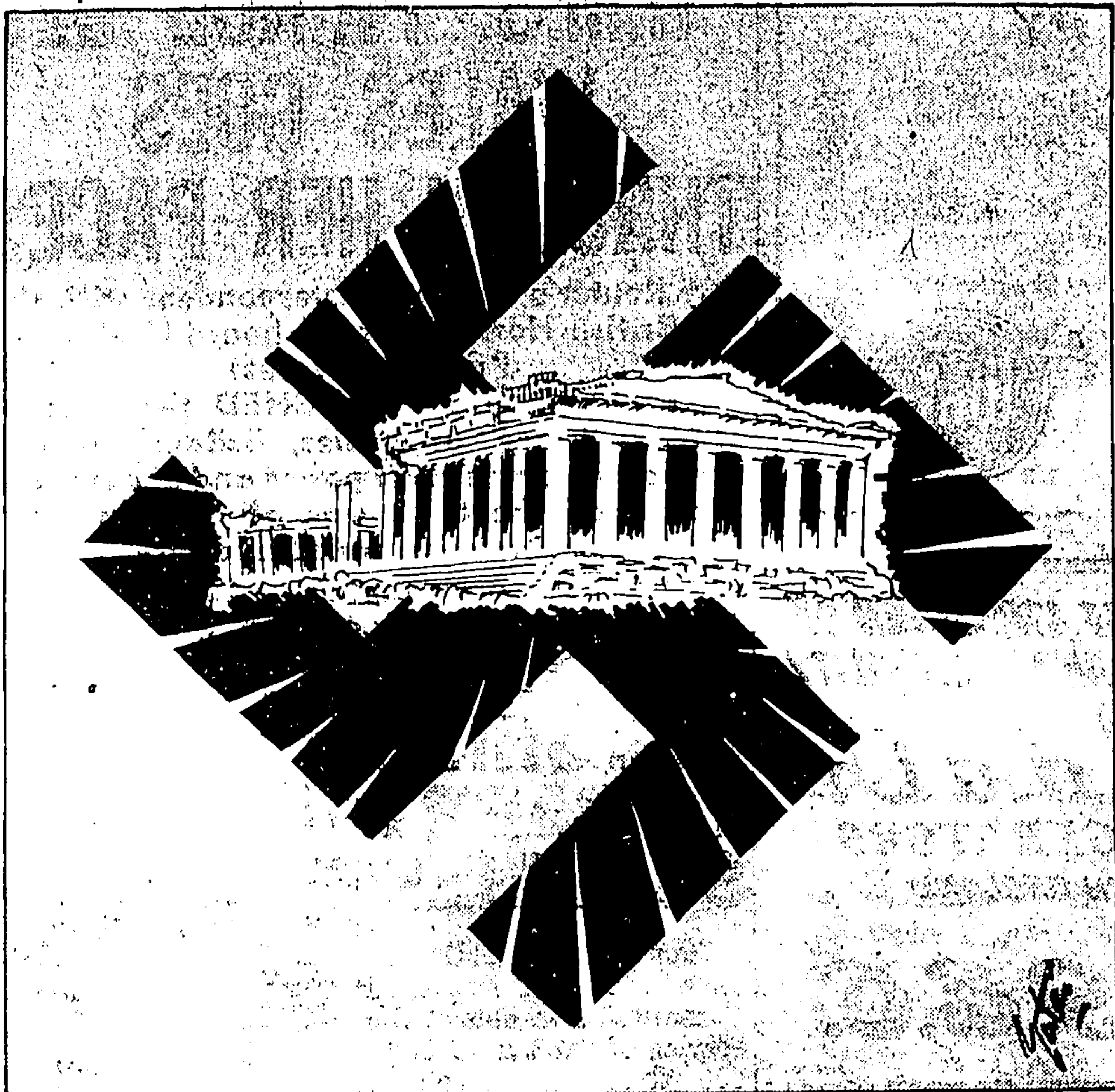
This advice is excellent on its face and is worth our own heeding. But intelligent Italians will probably discover in it also a cryptic suggestion that their enthusiasm for German victories is misplaced; that Hitler's rescue of the country from disaster, if it eventuates, will not be the blessing they foresee. And when one comes to think of it, what support is there for Italian joy, whatever the war's outcome? Italy has become and, should Hitler win, will remain a Nazi province. Her empire, regardless of any nominal arrangement, will be in Nazi hands. Her vision of empire is doomed, in any event, but, should Hitler be defeated, she would at least regain her national autonomy. Are we wrong in supposing that such thoughts were uppermost in the mind of the author of the caution quoted?

THE SEA WAR

For the first time this year London has given us figures on the destruction of German submarines. They reveal that seventy-four of these craft have been destroyed since the war started. At the beginning of hostilities Germany had only seventy-one. No one outside Germany knows the rate of building; but replacement of a whole under-water navy, both with boats and crews, must have been difficult. Moreover, the British figure of German loss is certainly not the true total. Doubtless many depth bombs, shells and missiles from the air have found their mark and left no trace of the victims. From destroyed or captured U-boats Britain has taken 400 prisoners, including Commander Kretschmer, the leading Nazi ace. The hunt for a stealthy foe has not been unsuccessful, and the Ad-

miralty ventures the hope that it is becoming even more vigorous.

But it is far from decisive. The last published weekly ship loss figure, 77,575 tons, emphasises the mounting danger; for it is beyond any present hope of replacement. Even more alarming was the Admiralty revision for the week of March 16, which reached the staggering sum of 146,098 tons. These meticulous revisions, released as more ships known to have been at sea fail to report, show clearly that we have no disposition to conceal losses. They show also that the submarine is still the gravest menace to Britain—and to the whole policy of aid to Britain to which America stands committed.



SHINING THROUGH

New Defeatism

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

hopes dashed, we have had bad news, and we are very likely to get more bad news. It is a situation made to order for a major German propaganda effort, just as it is made to order for our own appeasers and defeatists.

We shall certainly see a resurgence of defeatism, which the Axis will reinforce by every means in its power. We shall be told again and again of the invincibility of German arms, we shall be deafened with the cries of those who insist that only a holocaust of American youth can ever stop Hitler, we shall be sneered at for our promises of aid to Yugoslavia and Greece, and cajoled by visions of peaceful adjustments with the "new order" in Europe and East Asia, while we shall likewise be covertly or perhaps openly threatened with a Pacific war and the sinking of our ships in the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean.

In all this those of evil purpose will be aided and abetted by those of faint heart.

Before the tumult and the shouting, therefore, let us for a moment examine quietly the terrors from which we are bidden to cower or to flee.

Nazis Gains Not Decisive

The Germans have gained success in Greece and Yugoslavia. Germany is the master of all the Balkan peninsula up to the frontier of Turkey. Suppose she went beyond, went into Turkey. Would the war be lost? Most definitely not. Germany has gained new strategic positions, at the cost of greatly impairing the value of her Balkan sources of supply as against a policy of peaceful trade, and she has added to her growing burdens, that of policing a sullen, warlike and recalcitrant population of twenty-odd millions in country which historically has been difficult if not impossible completely to conquer or control.

The Germans have also gained certain successes in North Africa. They have advanced to the marches of Egypt. They have partially surrounded the British garrison in Tobruk. They have advanced positions for air attacks against Suez. But between them and the Valley of the Nile lies the terrible expanse of the Libyan

desert, to which that of Cyrenaica is a children's playground, while the crafty Wavell gathers his strength for a counter-blow and the British fleet ranges the Eastern sea. But suppose it were far worse; suppose Alexandria were taken, and Cairo, and the Canal itself—would the war be lost? This would be a far worse blow than the temporary loss of Greece—but again the answer is, most definitely not.

The gate to the Indian Ocean would remain locked at Aden, the road to which the Germans would find difficult and dangerous and long. The British fleet would still be far superior to anything the Axis could hope to send into the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean. Indeed, many ships might be released for service either in the Far East or the Atlantic. British prestige throughout the Moslem world would have been dealt a deadly blow, and the Axis might gain possession of the oil fields of Iraq, though not necessarily of pipelines in serviceable condition. But the navies of Britain would still command the oceans of the world, the supplies of Australia and South Africa, of Canada and, above all, of the United States, would still flow toward the main British centre of resistance, the island of Great Britain.

While that island holds fast, and can be supplied, Germany cannot win this war.

As for the Russo-Japanese pact, it may give Japan a greater sense of freedom of action in the Far East, but what of the practical basis for this? It is most unlikely that very many troops can be released from Manchukuo; nor is any appreciable change made in the naval situation, which is fundamental to any Japanese thrust to the southward. It is just as easy to interpret this pact as dictated by a Russia anxious to have freedom of action in Europe. It says nothing, nothing at all, of the cessation of Russian aid to China, and it seems to be in direct contradiction to the famous tripartite alliance.

Under the tripartite pact, if Germany becomes involved in war with a power not now belligerent, Japan must aid her.

But under the Russo-Japanese pact, in a Russo-German war Japan must remain neutral.

Let us think somewhat of these matters when the cries are going up, as soon they will, that Japan is now free to "threaten our interests" and "drag us into war" in the Pacific Ocean.

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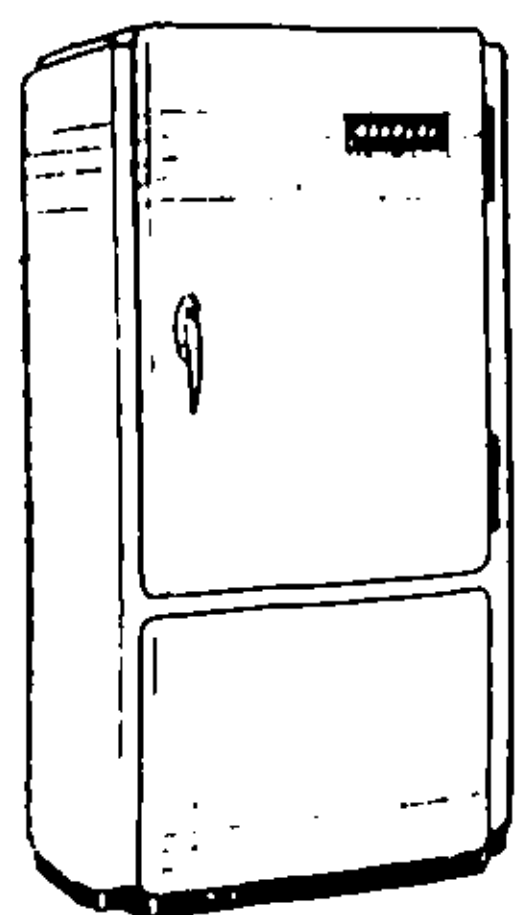
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H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES GOES THROUGH HER PACES

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Home Fleet, on board H.M.S. Prince of Wales)

I HAVE JUST WATCHED the guns of H.M.S. Prince of Wales, Britain's newest battleship, prove their power and accuracy in a practice shoot. It was all over in a few minutes of terrifying sound and fury.

With its anti-submarine screen of destroyers, the 35,000-ton ship was pressing through the night at a good pace.

I had stationed myself at one of the highest possible points on a platform many feet above sea level. Below, on the gunnery platform, ghostly hooded figures were at work officers and men in monk-like duffle coats, some peering at instruments, others at the black sea.

From my position the dimly-lit instrument dials resembled glowworms. The hiss of wind through the rigging and the slight swish of water as the battleship cut through it were the only sounds.

The "Enemy"

Next moment voices below rapped out orders. The long slim barrels of 14-inch guns were trained round and pointed to the right.

A crack from a smaller gun and a light from a starshell burst over a small patch of sea. I could make out the "enemy."

Then came vicious ear-splitting explosions from 5.25-inch guns. Almost simultaneously came a mighty overpowering woomph woomph, as the great 14-inch guns opened up.

My tiny platform was rocked. Shells from the 5.25's seemed to whistle past within a foot or two. Clouds of cordite, smoke and fumes almost choked me. I rubbed my eyes.

Most Encouraging

In the bluish rays of a searchlight white columns of water shot up as shells straddled the target. Barely had the water fallen back into place than the many barrels of multiple pom-poms spat out more shells.

Later, with my head ringing and my eyes smarting, I spoke to the Gunnery Officer.

FOR WEEKS UNDER HIS DIRECTION THE GUN CREWS HAD BEEN TRAINING HARD TO MAKE THE BRAND NEW PRINCE OF WALES ONE OF THE NAVY'S CRACK GUNNERY SHIPS, AND THE PRACTICE SHOOT HAD BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING. — REUTER.

STOLE BOOKS TO PASS ARMY EXAM

It was stated at Old Street Police Court when James John Paul, a 23-year-old lance-bombardier, was charged with being concerned in a theft of three books from a bombed bookseller, that he committed the theft "more or less to help him to pass his Army course." The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act.

An Army officer described Paul as an industrious worker. "I was astonished on hearing of this case," he said, "I think it was done with zeal so he could pass his work."

The Magistrate told Paul that he wouldn't dream of sending him to prison, because he had been given fine testimonials. "If you are sensible," he said, "you will not do this sort of thing again; I should say that you have a future before you."

BILL OF HEALTH

Fifteen cases of tuberculosis, seven of dysentery, four of cholera, three of enteric fever and one of measles, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

NORWEGIANS DIE FROM STARVATION

Several people have died from starvation in Norway as a result of the food shortage that followed the German occupation.

According to the "Goeteborgs Tidningen" distress is increasing daily, especially in Oslo, Bergen and towns in the north.

Long queues gather outside meat shops which have nothing to sell.

Kind Of Special Courage

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. John Winant, yesterday received three London firemen who will shortly sail for America on a return visit to the New York Fire Brigade which sent delegates to London last Autumn.

The American Ambassador, bidding them bon voyage, gave them the following message:—"Anyone who has seen you in action, as I have, can appreciate the help and advice you bring to America."

"You have learnt to stand up against double fire."

"It takes a kind of special courage to fight a fire in a blaze of light while enemy aircraft are bombing you from above."

"Knowing the kind of recognition that we have given to men in peace time who have accomplished some act of heroism or worth, I know that when you arrive in New York you will be greatly welcomed for yourselves and because you London fighting firemen are uniquely representative of the home defence of England. — British Wireless.

SCORCHING AMERICAN CRITICISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE U.S. CONGRESS YESTERDAY DECLARED IN A SCORCHING REPORT, WHICH CHARGED ARMY GENERALS AND NAVY ADMIRALS WITH BLIND RESISTANCE TO CHANGE AND FAILURE TO HEED THE OMINOUS LESSONS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR, THAT THE SAFETY OF THE U.S. REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE CREATION OF A SEPARATE, INDEPENDENT AIR FORCE.

The report, by the House Naval Appropriations Sub-Committee, warned that "this nation may some day face a Dunkirk of its own, since it now lacks a unified air force matching Germany's and serious duplication of authority exists through American air commands." — International News Service.

ADVERTISEMENTS PAINTED ON ROAD!

For painting an advertisement on the road without permission from the Director of Public Works, Chan Fuk-shing, of No. 146, Yee Kok Street, Lam Fong, 67, No. 311, Queen's Road, and Man Hing, of No. 55, Reclamation Street, were each fined \$10 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Tai Shing-che, of No. 360, Prince Edward Road, for two similar offences, was fined \$30.

Accused painted advertising for their businesses on the road in the Yau-mat district.

U.S. SHIPS TO CARRY SUPPLIES

President Roosevelt has asked the U.S. Maritime Commission to obtain the service of "at least 2,000,000 tons of merchant shipping to be used to supply all-out aid to the Democracies."

In a letter yesterday to Admiral Land, chairman of the Commission, the President indicated that cargo-ships of all types might be taken from existing or proposed trade routes to haul vital war supplies and food overseas.

He also said the U.S. merchant fleet must be extended faster than planned "so that more ships become available to carry goods, including war materials." — Reuter.

M.T.B.S FOR BRITAIN

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, told his press conference in Washington yesterday that the U.S. expected to build substantial numbers of high-speed mosquito-boats for Britain.

He emphasised that no larger warships were available for transfer.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson stated that a request for 24 more motor torpedo-boats was expected very soon from Britain.

The remaining inactive Fleet Division of the U.S. Navy's organised reserves would be mobilised between May 1 and May 30, said Col. Knox. About 230 officers and 4,000 men are involved. — Reuter.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA?

A MOVE FOR A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA WAS TAKEN YESTERDAY WHEN MR. FADDEN, THE ACTING PREMIER, DECIDED TO CONFER WITH THE LABOUR LEADER, MR. CURTIN, AND MAKE A FORMAL OFFER TO THE LABOUR PARTY OF PORTFOLIOS IN A NATIONAL MINISTRY.

NO REPLY IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE LABOUR PARTY CAUCUS HAVE CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL. — REUTER.

PACIFIST GOES

Because of persistent criticism by the townspeople after his refusal, on religious grounds, to become president of the town's War Weapons Week, the pacifist chairman of Bishop's Stortford (Herts) urban council, Mr. W. Hughes, has resigned the chairmanship of the council.

NAZI DEVASTATION OF PLYMOUTH

Worst Blitzed Town In England

MANTLE THAT WAS COVENTRY'S

(By a Reuter staff reporter)

PLYMOUTH, FRONT-LINE CITY ON ENGLAND'S SOUTH-WEST SHORES, IS ASSUMING THE MANTLE THAT WAS COVENTRY'S. ON TUESDAY NIGHT, FOR THE FIFTH NIGHT OUT OF THE LAST NINE, IT ENDURED AGAIN THE FULL FURY OF GERMAN NIGHT BOMBERS.

No provincial city has suffered more concentrated bombing and yesterday Lady Astor, speaking as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, referred to her city as the "worst blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of thanks to Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, for the magnificent help of the Food Ministry in feeding the town's people from flying food convoys.

LAST NIGHT SOME OF PLYMOUTH'S STREETS WERE NOTHING MORE THAN A DESERT OF DUSTY RUBBLE. THEY ARE STREETS WHICH CITIZENS LEAVE FOR THE COUNTRY SIDE WHEN NIGHT FALLS. SOME HAVE EVEN SLEPT BE-NEATH HEDGES. RATHER THAN FACE THE HORROR OF A NIGHT'S BOMBING.

Many are homeless. Others have homes which are damaged. They all join in a tramp to the country and just before dawn they come back.

Pathetic Sight

The homeless are a pathetic sight. Some carry their remaining possessions tied into small bundles, some push prams with what is left to them.

The streets of this already stricken city blazed again on Tuesday night. Flames leapt, fed by oil bombs. Then the ground shook to the crash of high explosives.

Without even a momentary break this went on for some hours. The clouds were so low that targets could not be clearly seen but this was no deterrent to the German bombers, which released their loads indiscriminately.

Bent On Destruction

The residential areas were shattered, and the Germans seem to have been set on the destruction of the city.

Food convoys are doing great work in feeding demolition squads, dockers and a large number of workers in some of the worst hit parts of the town. Thousands of plates of soup, stew and cups of hot tea are being served daily, as well as sandwiches.—Reuter.

South-West Getting It

A coastal town in south-west England was the main target of a strong formation of the Luftwaffe on Tuesday night and another town in the south-west and a town in South Wales were also attacked.

Flares lit the sky for miles in the south-west and bombs fell over a widely scattered area.—Reuter.

JAPAN NOT PLEASED

While official information has not yet been received in Tokyo competent authorities are mildly astonished by the Soviet decree banning the transit of war materials.

It is said, however, that economic negotiations with the Soviet are continuing although it is believed they are not concerned with war materials.

It is pointed out the Soviet decree mentions certain exceptions by special authorisation or trade agreement. Japan probably is not affected.—Reuter.

HITLER MURDERS IN VAIN

"Hitler would say 'I shall never win this way, if he could see the bombed towns, cities and villages of this country,' said the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, at Swansea yesterday.

"Hitler would go back and reconsider his frightful policy. Virtue and courage is not the prerogative of a few, it is the universal character of the people," said Mr. Menzies paying a tribute to "all types and classes of people in Great Britain."

GERMANY INVENTED THE PHRASE "TOTAL WAR," MEANING WAR ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, OLD MEN AND UNDEFENDED CITIZENS.

"Total war for us must mean war on everyone who speaks the British tongue all over the world, and when our enemy has discovered he is dealing with one solid, resolute mass of the people of our race, wherever they may live, I venture to believe he will begin to get doubts, which will grow into fear, and fears which will grow into defeat."—Reuter.

S.M.C. DECIDES TO GO AHEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Although the necessary agreement has not been received from Chungking, the Provisional Shanghai Council goes into office with its first meeting today with the approval of the Consular Body and Settlement ratepayers.

Consular and Municipal officials decline to make a statement on the legality of altering the Settlement constitution without waiting for Chungking's decision, although the Land Regulations specifically provide that any such change must be approved by the Chinese Government.

Chinese circles say the authorities have created a precedent and predict that the Provisional Council, with increased Axis representation, may not be recognised by Chungking.—International News Service.

U.S. BATTLESHIPS IN SINGAPORE SAYS MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Mirror" yesterday quoted Moscow radio as saying that two American battleships, four cruisers and other units of the US Navy have arrived at Singapore to "relieve the Royal Navy."

The newspaper quoted Moscow radio as stating the United States Fleet will defend Singapore and Borneo.—International News Service.

KIDNAPPING CASE SOLVED

How the police rescued two boys who were kidnapped in December, was related to Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a 54-year-old woman, Lo Sam, was charged with unlawfully taking part in a transaction for sale of the boys.

Accused pleaded guilty and said she bought them from an unknown Chinese woman, who described herself as a refugee and the grandmother of the children.

According to Detective Inspector G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., the boys were Yu Kan, 8 years old, and Yu Ping, seven years of age. They were reported missing in December last, in the Western District.

The children were found on board a sampan in Aberdeen harbour yesterday, and the party was taken to the Police Station. Accused said she bought the children for \$80. The children were well treated.

Major A. N. Macfadyen said that taking all the facts into consideration, there was no criminal intent on defendant's part, and she was ordered to sign a bond of \$25 to be of good behaviour for one year.

RAID ON GAMBLING DEN

Carrying out a surprise raid on a "po tse" gambling den at No. 63, Ngau Chi Wan Road at 8.30 p.m. last night, Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman arrested 20 persons and seized a number of gambling implements.

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning, Lai Hing, 66, and Wong Kwan, 53, were each fined \$75, or three months' hard labour, for keeping the establishment, while 17 gamblers, who failed to appear, had bonds of \$2 each estreated.

RICE PRICE FINES

Summoned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning for selling rice at a price higher than that fixed by the Controller of Food, the masters of two rice shops at No. 98, Kweilin Street and No. 258, Kilung Street, were each fined \$20.

EX-G.O.C. MALAYA PASSES

The death has occurred of Major-General Sir Dudley Howard Riddout, at the age of 75. He commanded the troops in the Straits Settlements from 1915-21.—Reuter.



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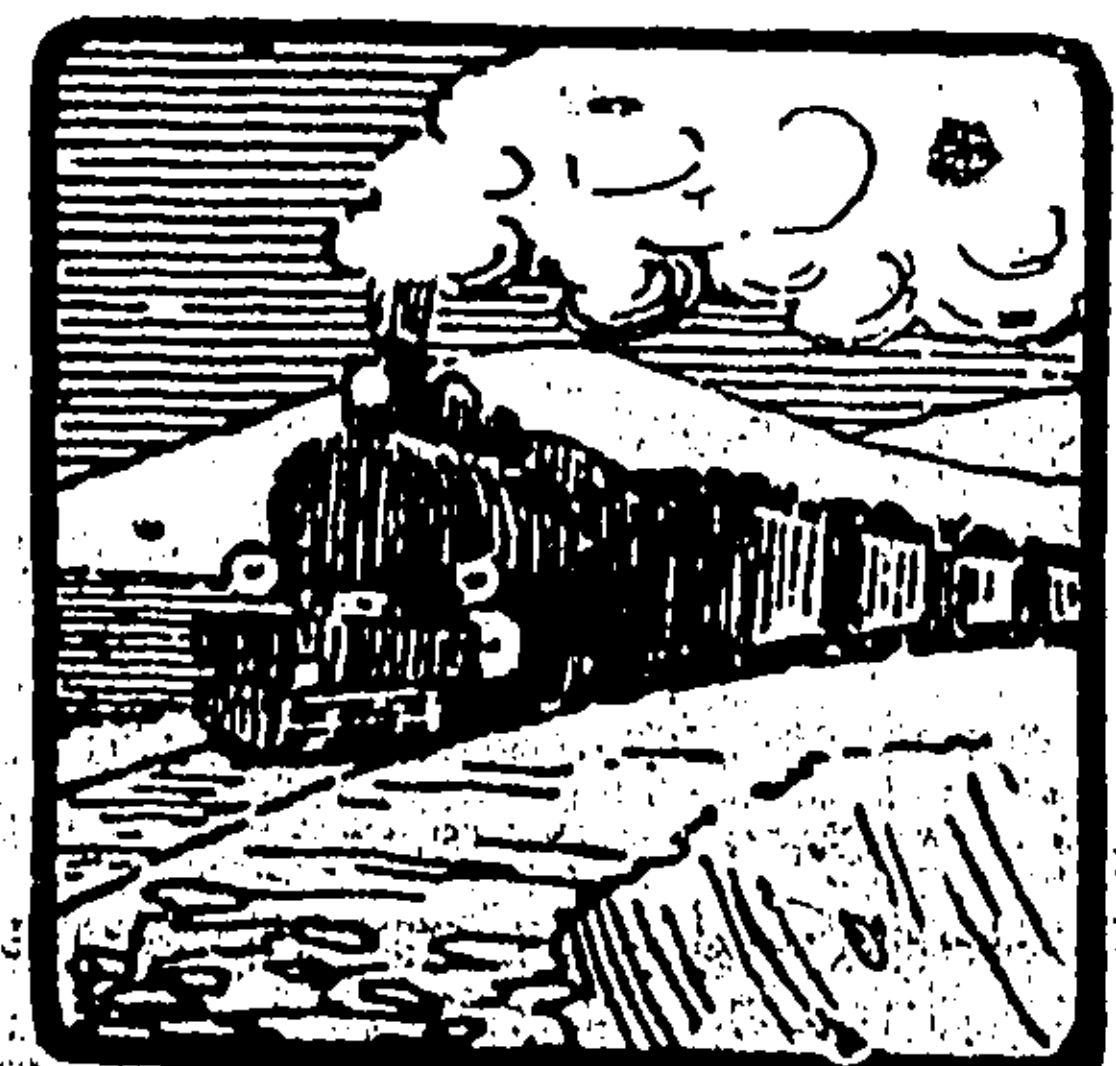
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE LAST LAUGH By The Four Aces

"Here's one of those he-who-laughs-last affairs," writes W. Vernon Tietjen, of St. Louis.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ —
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ A 10 9 8 6 4
♣ A J 10

♠ 9 8 4
♥ K Q 9 5
♦ —
♣ Q 7 6 4 3

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♠ 5 3 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 6 2

♠ A K J
♥ J 8 2
♦ K J 7 2
♣ K 9 8

Mr. Tietjen

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"This bidding may have the blind staggers, but at least we reached the right contract. The heart King was opened and taken in dummy. A heart seemed the only loser, although I had a vague hunch about something queer in the diamond suit, chiefly because of dummy's void."

"But not being able to find any reason for playing trumps one way or the other, I proceeded to guess wrong by playing low up to the King."

"East naturally got a huge kick out of that, particularly when I booted over the wastebasket in sheer frenzy. I was on the verge of tossing the hand in for down one, but remembering about getting that last man out in the ninth, and for lack of any better play, I took the diamond Ace and then presented my wise foe with his Queen."

"He squirmed, then tossed out the wrong lead—a spade. The Jack held, making it possible to discard three hearts from dummy! Then, since West was marked for long clubs, I guessed the club finesse and made the contract. You should have seen East's disgust when he noticed he could have beaten the hand with a club return!"

While we join Mr. Tietjen in his hearty last laugh, we recommend to our readers his statement about getting that last man out in the ninth. Don't give up the ship!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:

Maier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one spade. It is unwise to make a trap pass, since the enemy will probably go to some other suit. There is no advantage in doubling for a takeout, since game is unlikely unless your partner can bid without being forced.

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Question No. 704

Today you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Maier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
2♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

"BLACK JUSTICE" CRY IN BLACKED-OUT COURT

TORCHES AND cigarette lighters flickering in a mysteriously blacked-out court, one prisoner moaning in a faint in the dock, another, his son, yelling abuse at the chief of the Flying Squad through the darkness and crying "Black Justice," a woman's screams — these were the ingredients of one of the most astonishing scenes ever enacted at the Old Bailey recently.

It followed the jury's verdict of Guilty against Nathan Fishberg and his son, Harry Charles Fishberg, Whitechapel jewellers, charged with receiving stolen jewellery worth £1,100. According to the police, the Fishbergs' premises in Black Lion Yard, off Whitechapel Road, E., had been a "dump for stolen goods" for years.

Beside them in the dock was William Bruce, a 29-year-old bricklayer, who was found guilty of stealing two suitcases containing the jewellery.

Bruce has been nicknamed "The Yank" by members of the Flying Squad. One of the witnesses was called a "mark" by counsel.

Case Of Surprises

After a case of surprises, during which Det.-Insp. Alfred Wilson, called "Tug" Wilson by his Flying Squad colleagues, was accused by the defence of promising to "fix" the case for a large sum of money, the denouement came as the greatest surprise of all.

The jury had given their verdicts, Chief Insp. Peter Beveridge, head of the Flying Squad, had recited the men's careers, when a woman flung up her arms and moaned loudly. She was the wife of the elder Fishberg.

Her screams could still be heard after she had been led from the court. Nathan Fishberg turned white and he fainted just as a policeman got to his side.

Harry Fishberg, shaking his first, yelled at Chief Insp. Beveridge, "Why do you do this, you swine, you?"

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., was pleading that the elder Fishberg was obviously a sick man and the son was waving his arms from his father to the Bench, when the lights suddenly went out.

"It's justice, Black Justice!" screamed Harry Fishberg as torches and lighters were turned on the dock and bathed the scene in an eerie light. "This is the kind of justice you get in this court. Black Justice!"

Through the darkness could be heard the voice of the unseen Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, saying in unmoved tones, "We will adjourn till to-morrow."

Lights On Again

Shortly after the court was cleared the lights went on again as they went out. No defect could be found to explain the five-minute failure, which was confined to Court 2. A more complete examination is being made by electricians.

Earlier in the day Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., who appeared for the Fishbergs, addressing the jury over the heads of four members of the Flying Squad, including Insp. Wilson and his chief, said: "With the greatest regret I have to suggest that Insp. Wilson is an unprincipled rascal, that he got hold of these miserable little people in this shop in the East End of London and blackmailed them out of £60."

"Regrettable though it is, it is a good thing, if it is true, that it has been brought to light, and no one will regard it with greater satisfaction than Chief Insp. Beveridge, because if it is true he does not want that man in the C.I.D."

"There is a very nasty taste about this case."

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., for the prosecution, declared that Insp. Wilson had been "framed." He had done the one thing a blackmailer would not have done. He took the Fishbergs to the police station at the first opportunity.

"These men in the dock are wicked men of cunning and ingenuity, who, when driven into a tight corner, will stop at nothing to extricate themselves," he said.

The Recorder, summing up, spoke of the allegations made against the police, and commented: "It is the state of Scotland Yard, then one of the bulwarks of society is a fallacy. Indeed, it has become a menace."

MOTHER REGAINS CHILD

A mother has won her fight, begun in October, 1938, for the custody of her son, aged six.

She told the Romford (Essex) magistrates that she did not think it right that he should be separated from both parents, even though he is now in a safe area in Wales.

She is Mrs. Muriel Harvey Keens, of Church Pulverbatch, Shropshire, who again applied for the care of her boy, David. Her application succeeded.

Last September a Divorce Divisional Court transferred the custody of the child from his mother to his father, so that he could go from her house in Gravesend to a safer home at Llangollen.

No Sirens There

The father is Mr. Harry Bowyer Keens, a Ministry of Health inspector, who formerly lived in the Romford district, but who is now at Peterborough. Mr. Keens's parents live at Llangollen.

At Romford the mother said both she and her husband could only see the boy at intervals. She had a good home and she considered it safer than Llangollen.

Mr. Keens said he had never heard sirens at Llangollen.

Miss Keighley, the chairman, said the mother had now a home in Shropshire — a district which was probably safer than Llangollen. In his own interests the boy should be in the care of his mother.

EMIR AT R.A.F. PARADE

A brilliant ceremony took place at the Royal Air Force Station at Amman, Transjordan, when His Highness, the Emir Abdullah, attended a ceremonial parade to celebrate his appointment as an Air Commodore of the Royal Air Force. His Highness was in R.A.F. uniform.

The Emir is the senior living Prince of the Hashimite family who served with the British in the War of 1914-1918.

Transjordan and R.A.F. flags flew side by side at the parade and the khaki and red uniforms of the band of the Arab Legion and the blue of the R.A.F. made a gay setting.

The personal pennant of an Air Commodore was handed to the Emir by the Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Station, and when the Emir had expressed his thanks, his standard was broken at the mast-head. The parade gave the Royal Salute and advanced in review order.

First came the airmen, then an impressive drive past of armoured cars and a fly-past of aircraft. The officers were presented to the Emir, who expressed his great pride at "becoming a member of the Royal Air Force and thus re-joining the British fighting forces."

His Highness attended a performance at the Camp Cinema where the first film, dedicated to himself, showed the work of the R.A.F. in the Near East and some of its latest exploits.

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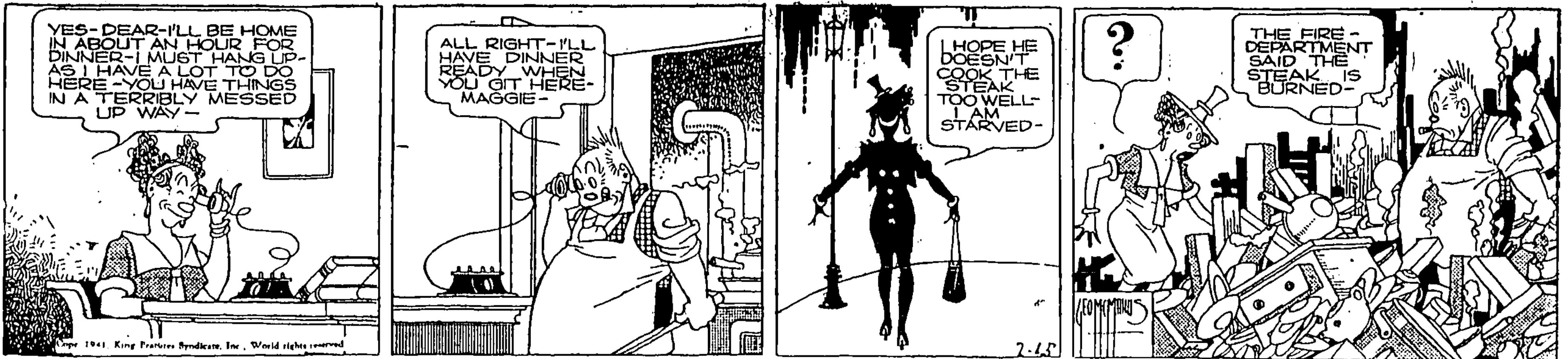
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN For the Mature Woman

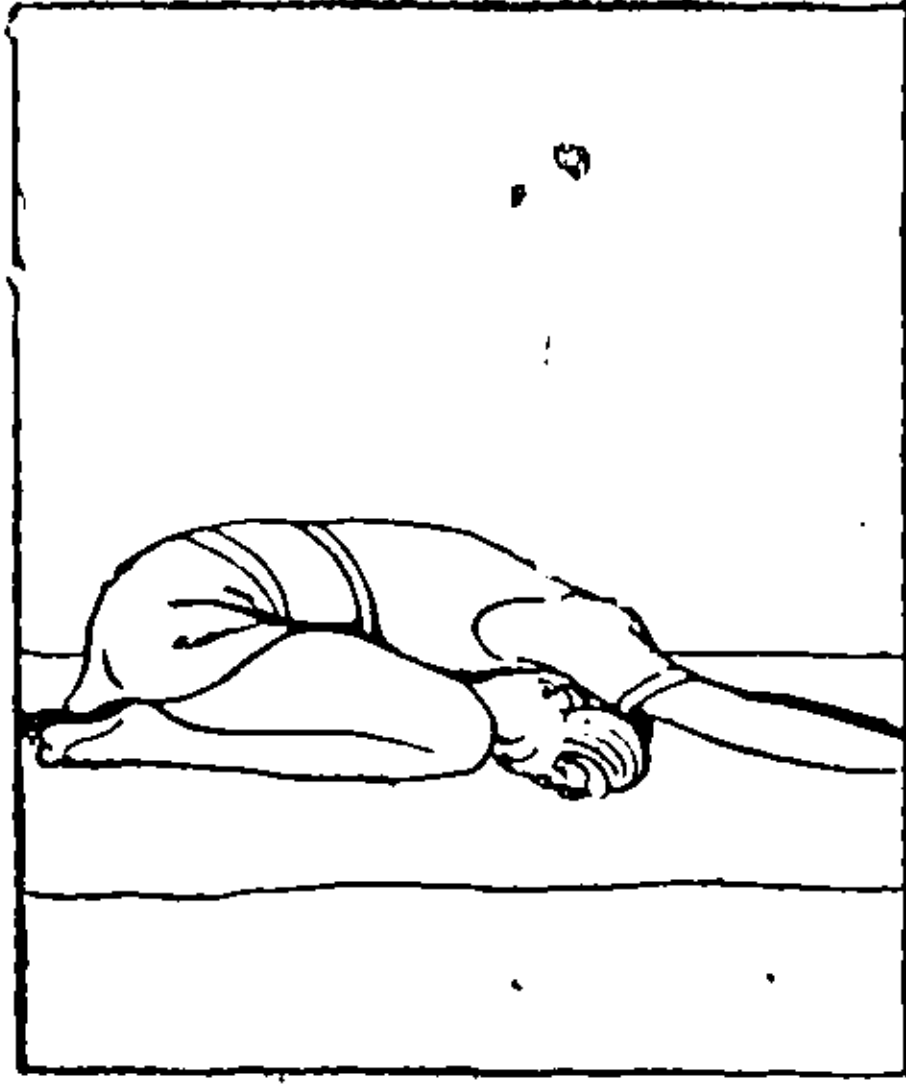
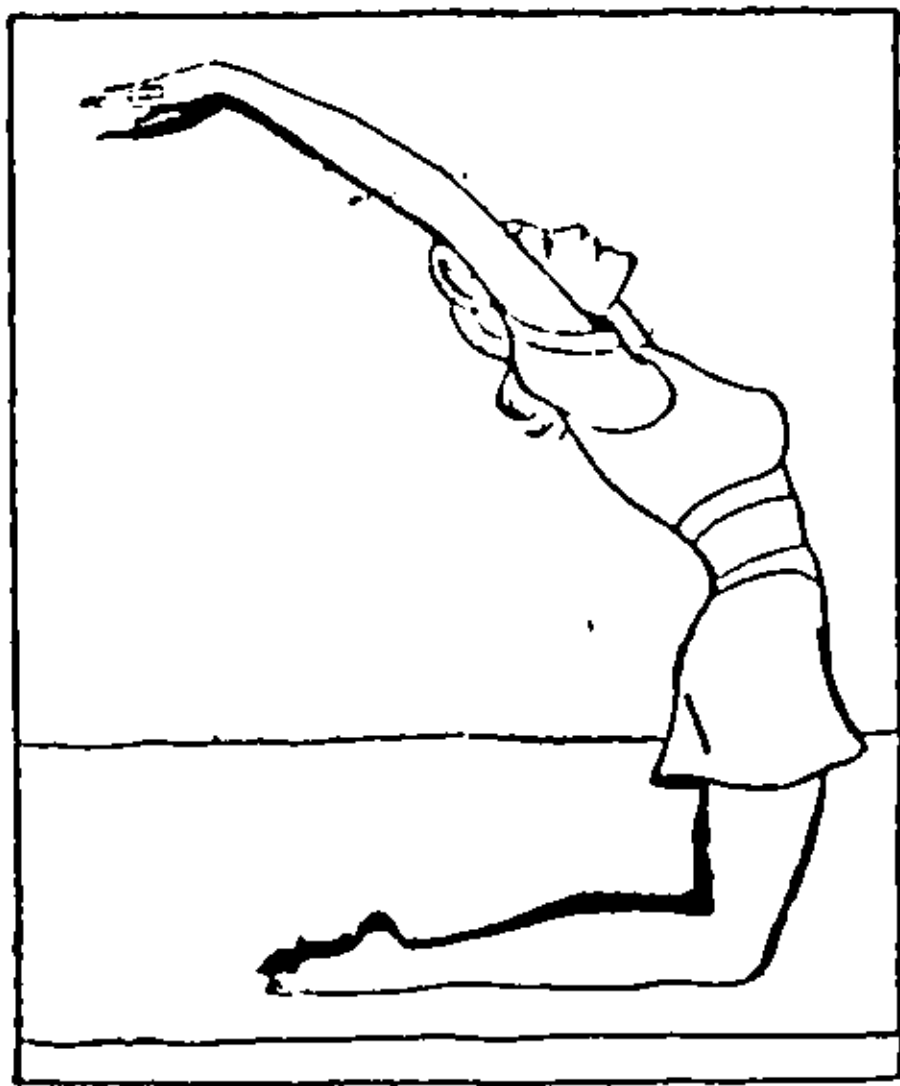
The mature woman's chief figure flaws are stooped shoulders, flabby abdomen, dropped bust and thickening waist, heavy thighs and hips. These are the most common a woman may have all or she may be guilty of just one or two.

Fortunately, all of these figure faults may be corrected through exercise if the woman will first banish any joint stiffness. The body must be limbered before it can be re-contoured. Many older women are now joining exercise classes at salons or gymnasiums—long term affairs where they can start gradual limbering and work up to reducing and refashioning. Such a course is bound to lengthen one's life span for when a mature woman becomes much overweight she is flirting with poor health.

Here is a programme of exercises which any mature woman can practice daily:

Exercise 1: Sit on the floor, stretch arms upward and rock hips hard from side to side. Then lie back slowly until head touches the floor, relax, and sit up slowly. Repeat ten times. This is a good hip-slimmer.

Exercise 2: Lie on the floor, stretch your right arms upward and your right leg downward at the same time, trying to make one side of your body longer than the other. Alternate on the other



Here is another good exercise for mature women. From the kneeling position stretch high before bending slowly over to Movement 2. Abdomen is held in and up throughout.

side and repeat eight times. Very good for posture and co-ordination of muscles.

Exercise 3: Stand up straight and, keeping elbows high, push the fist of one hand against the palm of the other. Push hard, relax and repeat. This strengthens muscles of the bust and helps to straighten stooped shoulders. BUT KEEP YOUR ELBOWS HIGH THROUGHOUT EXERCISE.

Exercise 4: Stand erect, hold a

jumping rope or a lithe-line. Curl toes of one foot over it, pushing heel lower than toes. Keeping knee straight, raise the leg high as you can in front of you—pushing on the rope with curled toes. CONTRACT ABDOMEN MUSCLES HARD AT THE SAME TIME. This is an excellent exercise if done properly. It firms abdomen, hips, thighs and is splendid for tired feet and lowered arches.

Curb High Calorie Foods

You can get rid of undesired extra pounds and gain in figure beauty, health and happiness if you will determine to curb high calorie foods and exercise daily. The combination of exercise and limited menus is the only safe means of slimming.

You must plan a reducing programme and stick to it. Figure out how many pounds you must lose to look slim and attractive. Don't flinch if the number is pretty high, simply determine to stick to your reducing programme until the pounds are dropped but that may take from six to eight weeks or longer. Many women fail to reduce because they do not

follow their programme long enough—they give up because the effort is too great.

Curb Calories

Eat less of concentrated, rich foods which are those of many calories. Especially avoid cake, candy, jelly, mayonnaise, pastry, fried foods, ice cream, whipped cream, ripe olives, and olive oil.

Avoid overeating and taking food between meals, chew carrots or celery if you become hungry. Thorough chewing of food and slow eating help you prevent eating too much at any one meal. But do not skip meals—you become so hungry if you do that you stuff yourself the next meal, and stretch your stomach.

Use salt sparingly. Drink all the water you want between meals

but only one-half glass with a meal. None if possible. Be sure to avoid constipation through exercise or use a non-fattening, drugless laxative when necessary.

Learn Your Foods

These foods are low in calorie content—eat of these: lettuce, spinach, celery, tomatoes, mushrooms, asparagus, endive, beet greens, Swiss chard, brussels sprouts, water cress, okra, melons, pears, peaches, skimmed milk, buttermilk, clear broth.

These foods are high in calories content—eat sparingly of these: butter, cream, mayonnaise, ripe olives, cake, pie, candy, nuts, most meats, gravies, cream cheese, fried food, cream soups, cookies, ice cream, bacon especially, hot biscuits.



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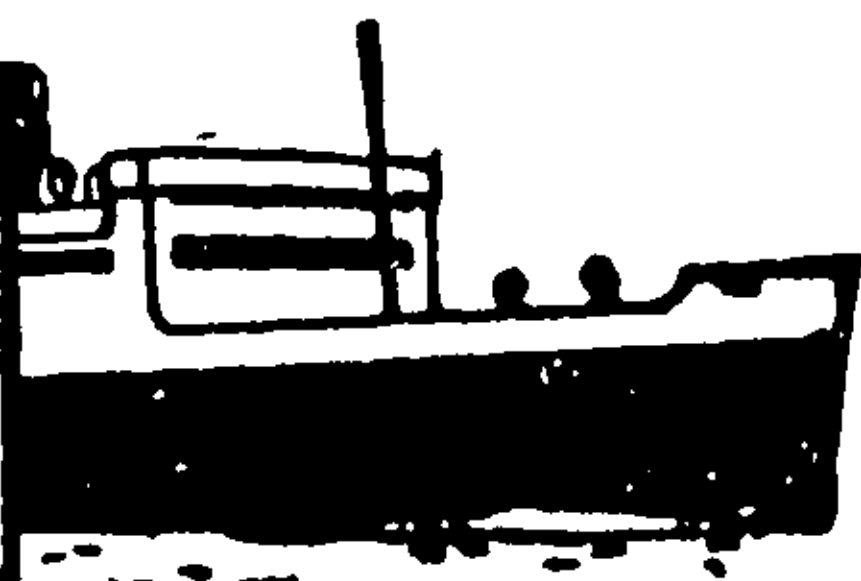
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Liszt—"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1. Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—Dohnanyi—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 15.
1st Mov. Andante Allegro. 2nd Mov. Presto accelerando. 3rd Mov. Molto adagio. Flonzaley Quartet.
8.55 p.m.—A Song.
My Dearest Heart (Sullivan) Doris Vane (Soprano).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
"Home and Beauty" (C. B. Cochran) Magda Neid, Janet Lind & Webster Booth. "Charlotte's Masquerade"—Selection... New Mayfair Orchestra. The Riddle Scene (from "Swing Along") Leslie Henson, Fred Emney and Richard Hearne. Bridge of Lovers—"Careless Rapture" (Ivor Novello)... Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra, solo Olive Gilbert. Musical Comedy—Selection—Intro: The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Merry Widow Waltz (Merry Widow); Spread a Little Happiness (Mr. Cinders); Roll away Clouds (Virginia)... Garda Hall & George Baker.
9.45 p.m.—Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Clapham & Dwyer (Comedians). Kunz Revivals, No. 17—Intro: Love is everywhere; Every single little tingle of my heart; Roll along, prairie moon; The wheel of the wagon is broken; Love me forever; It's an old Southern custom... Charlie Kunz (Piano).
Golf... Clapham and Dwyer.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
10.15 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ. Torch Parade, No. 2—Intro: The Woodpecker Song; Too Romantic; A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square; Arm in Arm (Just you and me); If I should fall in love again; You gorgeous dancing Doll. There'll Always Be an England (Par-ker & Charles)... with Raymond Newell (Vocal).
10.25 p.m.—New Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—You're Dangerous; You Lucky People. You (both from film "Road to Zanzibar")... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Sing 'em Low; Rumba—Danza Lucumi... Artie Shaw & his Orch. Fox-Trots—It's Always You; Birds of a Feather (both from film "Road to Zanzibar")... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Waltz—I'll Always Love You... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—I'm Always Chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld Girl"); Keep an Eye on your Heart... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra. Rumba—I, Yi, Yi, Yi; Fox-Trot—Good Night (both from film "That Night in Rio")... Leo Reisman and his Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

FACTORY HIT BUT WOMEN WORKED ON

MANY WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED AT A YORKSHIRE FACTORY PRODUCING AN ARTICLE URGENTLY NEEDED BY THE R.A.F.

The factory roof had been destroyed in a raid and the girls and women went straight back as soon as their machines could be cleared.

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EXPLOSION DEATHS: OFFICER CHARGED

IT WAS ALLEGED at an Aldershot court-martial that an officer's conduct and omissions resulted in an explosion from which three soldiers died and several were injured.

The officer, Second Lieutenant Anthony Ellis Simons, of the Royal Engineers, pleaded not guilty to two charges of prejudicial conduct in ordering a corporal to clear gelignite from an iron tube in which it had stuck without instructing him how to do it or warning him of the danger of the operation, and allowing him to clear the tube in close proximity to other soldiers.

He also pleaded not guilty to a further charge of neglect in failing to ensure that the tube containing gelignite was safely handled and stored during the night.

Major Norman Parkes, prosecuting, said Simons was in charge of a section practising demolition. Some gelignite became stuck in an iron tube which was being used for blasting.

Simons ordered Corporal Roach, who was in charge of one party, to get two sappers to attempt to clear the tube, but did not tell him how the operation was to be done. Roach failed to clear the tube.

Next day the section returned to the same place and Simons again told Roach to detail two sappers to clear the tube.

Roach found an iron bar, which he pushed down the tube while two sappers held it.

There was an explosion, which killed one man and injured several others standing near, two of whom died afterwards.

RUNAWAY SEES RED —PULLS UP

A runaway horse stopped suddenly at traffic lights in Salisbury. The lights had changed from green to red.

The horse had bolted from Salisbury goods station while the cart was being loaded.

The driver, Mr. Tom Rusher, was flung on his back in the open cart.

Car drivers seeing the approaching horse, with the cart swinging precariously behind it, pulled into the side.

Cyclists hurriedly dismounted and joined pedestrians on the pavements.

Mr. Rusher held on for dear life as the horse swung through the main gate and headed towards the city centre at a fast gallop.

He did his best to get to the reins as the cross roads drew near, but each time a jolt flung him back.

He was prepared for the worst when the traffic lights at the cross roads changed.

The horse immediately checked and stopped at the white line.

Mr. Rusher did not wait to see if the horse would start off again at the green light.

He gathered the reins and led the horse to a safe place.

LOCAL MEDICAL REGISTER

The question of permitting qualified medical practitioners who do not possess qualifications normally acceptable for local registration to register in Hong Kong for the duration of the war has been carefully considered by local medical organisations.

The Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association expressed itself as unanimously opposed to the suggestion.

A majority of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the British Medical Association also opposed the proposal.

In view of this very definite expression of opinion against the extension of the local register, the Medical Board, by a majority, decided that the matter should not be pursued further.

ENCOUNTER OVER BREST

Some days ago a Hampden bomber was taking part in a raid on Brest, which the Germans are now using as a naval base. It was a night of thick and low lying cloud, and the pilot of this bomber was not fortunate enough to meet with any patches of clear sky.

He decided to dive through the clouds; he found their base at 3,500 feet, but to see his target more clearly he came down another thousand feet or so. In spite of a fierce barrage from both sides of the harbour, and though our bomber was firmly held in the beams of three searchlights, the pilot was just about to make his attack when he saw an enemy fighter—he could not be sure of its type—a thousand feet above and immediately in front of him.

Our bomber must have been brilliantly lit by the searchlights, for the enemy at once went into a dive and began a head-on attack. The rear gunner saw tracer bullets flying past him on both sides, but his pilot made a steep turn to the right, then lost height, and made a steep turn to the left; by these tactics he appears to have shaken off the enemy which made no attempt to follow when its dive had carried it past our bomber.

Our aircraft had lost so much height while avoiding the enemy that it was now flying at about 1,500 feet; the pilot made a second run over the target. He saw the dry dock plainly—the air was very clear below the clouds—and dropped a stick of bombs right across it.

He then turned his gun against one of the offending searchlights which had pointed him out to the enemy fighter and a short burst immediately put it out.

All the while, and even during the enemy fighter's attack, the Germans had been putting up a heavy barrage. Our bomber was hit by a shell. When it had reached home a tear was found in the port side of the leading edge of the tail plane, but it takes more than that to keep our aircraft from their targets.

WHERE YORKSHIRE LEADS

Fighter pilots from almost every county in the British Isles have been decorated for brilliant work in actions over Britain and abroad; but Yorkshire, Surrey and Lancashire have easily taken the lion's share of the awards.

Yorkshiremen, officers and airmen, in daring attacking and defensive engagements have carried off at least 20 awards for gallantry, followed by Surrey and Lancashire with 11 each; London and the counties comprising Greater London—excluding Surrey—share 48 between them.

ANTI-INVASION DEFENCES ALERT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following a series of blows which put Britain's anti-invasion defences on the alert, German planes on Tuesday/Wednesday night heavily raided the south-west coast of England for the second successive night and dropped bombs over wide coastal areas. Britain's defence forces have intensified their ceaseless vigil against a possible invasion attempt. — International News Service.

Closely Parallel Anglo-U.S. Policies In Far East

COMMENTING UPON THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH CURRENCY AGREEMENTS WITH CHINA, "THE TIMES" SAYS IN AN EDITORIAL:

"Britain and the United States have for some years past recognised that it is in their interest to prevent so far as practicable any undesirable fluctuations in the Sterling and American dollar exchange values of the Chinese yuan.

The only way wherein they can hope effectively to defend their common interests is to keep their policies and action in the Far East as closely parallel as possible.

"This parallelism finds the most satisfactory expression in the new agreements which provide stabilisation funds" which it is hoped will put the Chinese currency on a stable basis.

The editorial summarises the reaction in Chungking as follows: Firstly, that Britain, at the present critical moment of the war, should feel able to help China to maintain the stability of the Chinese currency is evidence of her confidence in the future and her desire to help the Chinese Government to resist aggression.

Secondly, that the two agreements should have been signed in Washington on the same day is proof of the determination of Britain and the United States to keep their policies and actions in the Far East as closely parallel as possible.

Step Forward

The editorial concludes, "These agreements constitute an important step forward in the monetary cooperation between Britain and the United States on the one side and China on the other.

"Moreover, they express the friendship and sympathy felt in the English-speaking countries for the people of China. Their importance is appreciated in Chungking where they are warmly welcomed. They are likely to be criticised in Japan but that cannot be helped. No amount of Japanese criticism is likely to deflect the British and American Governments." — Central News.

HE CANNOT RESIST TEMPTING

After 100 convictions, Henry Newton, 69-year-old clerk, admits that he still cannot resist the temptation to travel by train without paying his fare.

The day after leaving Oxford Gaol, on completing a sentence of 21 days for his hundredth offence, Newton again found himself in court, for a similar offence.

It was stated that he took a platform ticket at Oxford G.W.R. Station and boarded a train, but left when the ticket collector came around.

He then went to the L.M.S. station and travelled to Northampton on his platform ticket.

Asked for his fare, he said he could not pay as he had only three pence.

He was fined 40s., or a month's imprisonment in default.

LEFT CHURCH, FOUGHT FIRE

The vicar of Knudden, a village near Blackburn, and the verger led firefighters at a cottage in which a parishioner, Miss Annie Leigh, aged forty-two, was burnt to death.

The house was seen to be ablaze after the close of Sunday evening's service. Entry was forced, and with a stirrup pump the fire was got under control.

FATSHAN SAILINGS

Regular weekly sailings to Canton will now be undertaken by the s.s. Fatshan which returned from Canton yesterday.

The vessel will leave every Saturday morning and return to the Colony on Wednesdays.

SAUSAGES BOUGHT BY DUKE

The Duke of Kent threw down a shilling and picked up a pound of sausages and his penny change in Bristol.

Before he left the shop, sausages in hand, he paused to let General Sir Hugh Elles, Regional Commissioner, and Alderman T. Underdown, the Lord Mayor, collect a pound each as well.

The Duke had been walking through the main shopping street when he saw Isaac John Harris, aged forty-six, standing at a door with a string of pink sausages in his hand.

He stopped to ask how the building had escaped.

In an instant Mr. Harris, an ex-Serviceman, had persuaded him to step downstairs to the sausage factory.

So anxious was he to get the machine working that he took hold of the Duke's shoulders and moved him to one side.

Then, as the sausages came rolling out, he picked up a pound, wrapped them up, and handed them over.

"It's a gift," he said.

But the Duke insisted on paying. Then he asked Mrs. D. B. Lee, senior woman shop assistant, how the firm had managed to carry on.

"We have been here the whole time working on our own with the street boarded off to the public, but we have done well," said Mrs. Lee.

"All Right Now"

"We couldn't get the machine working for a week after the November fire blizz, but we are all right now."

Later, as the Duke walked along a damaged street, he noticed a party of soldiers who had been clearing the debris and stopped to speak to them.

They sprang to attention in a line, but Sapper Young had been caught in the middle of eating his dinner.

Concealing his sandwich in one large hand as he stood gazing rigidly in front of him, his cheeks bulged as he chewed frantically while the Duke spoke to the lance-corporal next to him.

With one agonised gulp he managed to dispose of his last bite just as the Duke smiled and asked him how he was getting on with the clearing up.

He could answer only with an uneasy grin — either because he was not sure if the Duke's words had a double meaning or his predicament had struck him dumb.

"GLAD TO INFORM YOU"

An Ankara (Turkey) radio announcer stated: "My dear listeners, we are glad to inform you that the Italian African Empire is completely encircled and its capitulation is a question of days."

GIRL ESCAPES SHOT

The girl cashier of the Royal Cinema, Farnham, refused to give up the takings when a soldier levelled a revolver at her and demanded them.

He fired once but did not hit her. In the confusion he grabbed the money and escaped.

NIGHT DUTY IN GRAVEYARD - 2S. FOR REFRESHMENTS

Fire watchers on night duty at Islington and St. Pancras cemeteries for twelve hours are to be paid 2s. a night to cover out-of-pocket expenses for refreshments.

This is "in view of the unpleasant nature of this duty," says a St. Pancras Borough Council report.

LOCAL SHARES

BANKS
Bank of East Asia \$70 b.
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H.K. and S. Hotels \$2.80 b.
H.K. Lands \$33 s.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$16 s.
China Lights (Old) \$6 s.
H.K. Electric Rights \$14 s.
Telephones (Old) \$23 s.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$6 1/4 b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
500 Providents @ \$4.60

MORE CHEERFUL STOCK EXCHANGE

Conditions on the London Stock Exchange yesterday were cheerful but the turnover was small apart from a good demand for gilt-edged, which made a further substantial appreciation. Among foreign issues, Greek and Japanese bonds hardened. Cable and Wireless weakened from 63 1/2 to 61 1/4 on less optimistic dividend expectations. Kaffirs were quietly firm. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

POLICEMEN PLAY IN THEIR GAS MASKS

Metropolitan policemen are taking intensive refresher courses in anti-gas training.

If the time for gas raids comes, they will be ready with the latest knowledge on how to fight all known gases.

Policemen are wearing their masks when off duty to get accustomed to working for long spells in them.

In their section houses they play billiards and table tennis in them.

There is no intention of wearing the masks on duty.

MUSEUM "NOT WORTH SEEING"

Miss Jessie Louisa Mylne, of Goldhawk Road, Hammersmith, who died last March, directed in her will that the house in which she had lived should be used as a museum for Hammersmith, to be known as the "J. L. Mylne Museum."

Mr. Justice Farewell commented in the Chancery Division: "Looking at the chattels which the lady intended to be housed in this museum, they are not worth anybody's while to go and see."

He directed an inquiry as to how much of the residuary estate should be applied for the foundation of the museum.

HARBOUR OFFENCE

Yung Chung Ho, unemployed, was this morning fined \$30 or one month's imprisonment for boarding a vessel in Harbour without permission.

Defendant had two previous convictions.

CHINA FUND DRIVE IN U.S.

The United China Relief, Inc., has received \$148,822.25 between March 1 and April 3, according to an announcement made by Mr. James G. Blaine, chairman of the \$5,000,000 campaign committee, says a Washington cable.

The sum includes a grant of \$50,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the special war-time needs of Christian colleges in China.

United China Relief has launched a coast-to-coast drive in an effort to raise \$5,000,000 by the end of July. There are seven agencies cooperating. Funds raised will provide direct relief in the form of clothing, food and shelter, medical needs, relief for orphans, education work, industrial reconstruction and refugee rehabilitation.

The American Red Cross has also revealed that huge shipments of supplies have been sent to China which include 50,000,000 aspirin tablets, 15,600,000 yards of surgical gauze, 2,200,000 sulfanilamide tablets, 454,354 yards of muslin and twill, 140,000 pounds of absorbent cotton and 112,950 pounds of boric acid.

United China Relief also reports a sharp increase in donors to the China Relief Legion, who will each receive scrolls personally signed by Madame Chiang Kai-shek as tokens of thanks.

Pearl Buck is founder of the Legion.

Contributors of U.S.\$100 or more will receive a scroll from Madame Chiang. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, became the first member of the Legion last December. — Central News.

VICTORIA LEAGUE AND BOMBER FUND

Sir.—To all members of the Victoria League and to all returned students from the United Kingdom the unfortunate death of Miss Gertrude Drayton, C.B.E., as a result of enemy action, reported in the press a few days ago, must have come as a terrible shock. For many years Miss Drayton was the Secretary of the Victoria League in London, and in this position she rendered incalculable help to students from the Far East who pursued their studies in the United Kingdom.

Her service took many forms. She met students on their arrival, found board and lodging for them, arranged for their admission into the different Universities, introduced them to good society, looked after their affairs in general and sent reports periodically to their parents. After the outbreak of the present war, she also helped a number of students in obtaining passages back to the Far East.

There must be many in this Colony who have benefited either directly or indirectly from the kind assistance and sound advice so freely given by Miss Drayton. To her they owe a debt which cannot now be repaid, and one feels sure that they, and in many cases their parents, will be anxious to mark their gratitude to Miss Drayton by subscribing to a worthy cause in her memory, and in this respect, the Committee of the local Victoria League considers that there can be no worthier cause than the Bomber Fund.

We are directed by the Committee to appeal to the public of all nationalities in general and to returned students from the United Kingdom in particular, as well as to their parents, to send subscriptions, to the Bomber Fund, in memory of one who devoted the whole of her life to helping others and promoting better understanding and closer relationship between the different peoples of the British Empire.

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SPLENDID SUPPORT FOR THE TENNIS LEAGUE

Information is now to hand regarding the Tennis League, which starts officially on Monday, May 19 and, except in Second Division, in which only six teams are taking part, splendid support has been given.

The composition of the League will be as follows:

First Division: Chinese Recreation Club, Club de Recreo, Hong Kong Cricket Club, University, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and South China A.A.

Second Division: Army Tennis Club, C. de R., Civil Service C.C., K.C.C., Kowloon Tong Garden City Association and S.C.A.A.

Third Division: A.T.C., C. de R., C.R.C. (2), Craigengower C.C., University, I.R.C., K.C.C., Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, K.T.G.C.A. and S.C.A.A.

Fourth Division: A.T.C., Central British Association, C.R.C., C.C.C., Filipino Club, I.R.C., Jewish Recreation Club, K.I.T.C., Post Office Recreation Club (2) and S.C.A.A.

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Army registrations are not yet available.

FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures for the coming season:

First Division

CRC	May 19	HKUTC
CDR	v	SCAA
HKCC	v	KCC
SCAA	May 26	CRC
KCC	v	CDR
IRC	v	HKCC
CRC	June 9	KCC
CDR	v	IRC
HKUTC	v	SCAA
IRC	June 16	CRC
HKCC	v	CDR
KCC	v	HKUTC
CRC	June 23	HKCC
HKUTC	v	IRC
SCAA	v	KCC
CDR	June 30	CRC
HKCC	v	HKUTC
IRC	v	SCAA
HKUTC	July 7	CDR
SCAA	v	HKCC
KCC	v	IRC

Second Division

CRC	May 20	ATC
KCC	v	CSCC
SCAA	v	KTGCA
SCAA	May 27	CRC
CSCC	v	ATC
KTGCA	v	KCC
KTGCA	June 3	CRC
ATC	v	KCC
CSCC	v	SCAA
CRC	June 10	CSCC
ATC	v	KTGCA
KCC	v	SCAA
CRC	June 17	KCC
KTGCA	v	CSCC
SCAA	v	ATC

Third Division

CDR	May 21	ATC
CRC (1)	v	KTGCA
HKUTC	v	KCC
CRC	v	CRC (2)
SCAA	v	KITC
KTGCA	May 28	CDR
IRC	v	SCAA
KCC	v	CRC (1)
CRC (2)	v	HKUTC
KITC	v	CRC
CDR	June 4	KCC
ATC	v	KTGCA
CRC (1)	v	CRC (2)
HKUTC	v	KITC
CRC	v	IRC
CRC (2)	June 11	CDR
KCC	v	ATC
SCAA	v	CRC
KITC	v	CRC (1)
IRC	v	HKUTC
CRC	June 18	KITC
ATC	v	CRC (2)
KTGCA	v	KCC
CRC (1)	v	IRC
HKUTC	v	SCAA
IRC	June 25	CDR
KITC	v	ATC
CRC (2)	v	KTGCA
SCAA	v	CRC (1)
CRC	v	HKUTC
CRC	July 2	SCAA
ATC	v	IRC
KTGCA	v	KITC
KCC	v	CRC (2)
CRC (1)	v	CRC
CRC	July 9	CDR
SCAA	v	ATC
IRC	v	KTGCA
KITC	v	KCC
HKUTC	v	CRC (1)
CDR	July 16	HKUTC
ATC	v	CRC
KTGCA	v	SCAA
KCC	v	IRC
CRC (2)	v	KITC
CRC (1)	July 23	CDR
HKUTC	v	ATC

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Both Club championship Semi-Final games will be played on the stand court. The first match which is Guest v Pagh will start at 4.15 p.m. sharp to be followed by Oxlade v Carter.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest v M. Pagh (Stand Court).
C. H. R. Oxlade v F. W. Carter (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (—3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) (4).

SEWELL AND MACDOUGAL TRY HARD BUT OUTCLASSED

By "Adrem"

In a very one-sided match, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui yesterday entered the final of the Colony doubles tennis tournament when they beat G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougal 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club before a handful of spectators.

The Tsuis were so far superior that they never took the match very seriously but full marks must be given to the British pair for their plucky efforts. They were too erratic to maintain the rallies for any length of time but both hit with refreshing vigour, particularly veteran George Sewell, and against any other pair, with the exception of the Rumjahns, they might have put up something like a decent show.

The Tsuis will now meet the Rumjahns in the final.

CRC	v	KTGCA
SCAA	v	KCC
IRC	v	CRC (2)
ATC	July 30	CRC (1)
KTGCA	v	HKUTC
KCC	v	CRC
CRC (2)	v	SCAA
KITC	v	IRC

Fourth Division

ATC	May 22	PORC (1)
CBA	v	JRC
IRC	v	FC
KITC	v	SCAA
CRC	v	CRC
JRC	May 29	ATC
FC	v	CBA
SCAA	v	IRC
CRC	v	KITC
PORC (2)	v	CRC
ATC	June 5	FC
PORC (1)	v	JRC
CBA	v	SCAA
IRC	v	CRC
KITC	v	PORC (2)
SCAA	June 12	ATC
FC	v	PORC (1)
CRC	v	CBA
PORC (2)	v	IRC
CRC	v	KITC
ATC	June 19	CRC
PORC (1)	v	SCAA
JRC	v	FC
CBA	v	PORC (2)
IRC	v	CRC
PORC (2)	June 26	ATC
CRC	v	PORC (1)
SCAA	v	JRC
CRC	v	CBA
KITC	v	IRC
ATC	July 3	CRC
PORC (1)	v	PORC (2)
JRC	v	CRC
FC	v	SCAA
CBA	v	KITC
KITC	July 10	ATC
CRC	v	PORC (2)
PORC (2)	v	JRC
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FC	v	PORC (2)
SCAA	v	CRC
CBA	July 24	ATC
IRC	v	PORC (1)
KITC	v	JRC
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PORC (1)	July 31	CBA
JRC	v	IRC
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GRAPHIC GOLF



PUNCH AND PRECISION

By Best Ball

Playing short iron shots requires firm decision and precision for best results. Decision is essential for the simple reason that the player, who cannot convince himself that he is making the right choice of shots, will be hesitant in performance. As such shots require a crisp stroke, it means that the player, once embarked on the shot, must let his muscles flow smoothly into the stroke. The club-head descending sharply will contact the ball, then dig through the turf, taking a divot as illustrated above.

Care must be taken that the club-head does not linger or halt during the divot digging stage. Such procedure often reflects a let-up in hitting power at impact. Make sure of following through and the danger of this happening is minimised. Hitting the ball a descending blow and taking turf adds a spin to the ball which will stop it quickly. The loft of the club will raise the ball so avoid any tendency to scoop it up.

Next Article:—Path of Stroke.

BADMINTON CONCLUDES TO-DAY

The badminton season will close officially this evening when, at Kowloon Cricket Club, the finals of the mixed doubles, men's doubles and junior singles will be played.

The programme will start punctually at 8.30 and as a large crowd is expected to be present, it is advised that spectators arrive in good time.

Following is the programme:—
8.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles.—P. K. Hooi and Miss Ulian Khoo (University) v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

9 p.m. Men's Junior Singles.—T. S. Young (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) v A. L. Fisher (Kowloon C.C.).

9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Doubles.—P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (University) v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (University).

AREA ATHLETICS

The Area Athletic Meeting was continued yesterday at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, when Middlesex Regiment lost the Javelin Throw, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., winning the event by six feet and providing also the best individual throw of the morning.

Bidding well for the final afternoon's competition to-day, honours yesterday were fairly evenly divided between the 8th Coastal Regt. R.A., the 57th Rajput Regiment, the 12th Coastal Regt. R.A., the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., the Hong Kong Regt. H.K.S.R.A. and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. H.E. Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, will present the prizes at the conclusion of the sports this afternoon.

BOXING PROMOTERS' DREAM COME TRUE

WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN every boxing promoter's dream became a reality when twelve British boxers—champions, ex-champions or near champions, including one ex-champion of the world—appeared on the same programme at a cost of only £60 and training expenses, states a message from London.

All the boxers are in the Royal Air Force, and they appeared in a charity tournament organised by the Marquess of Queensberry for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

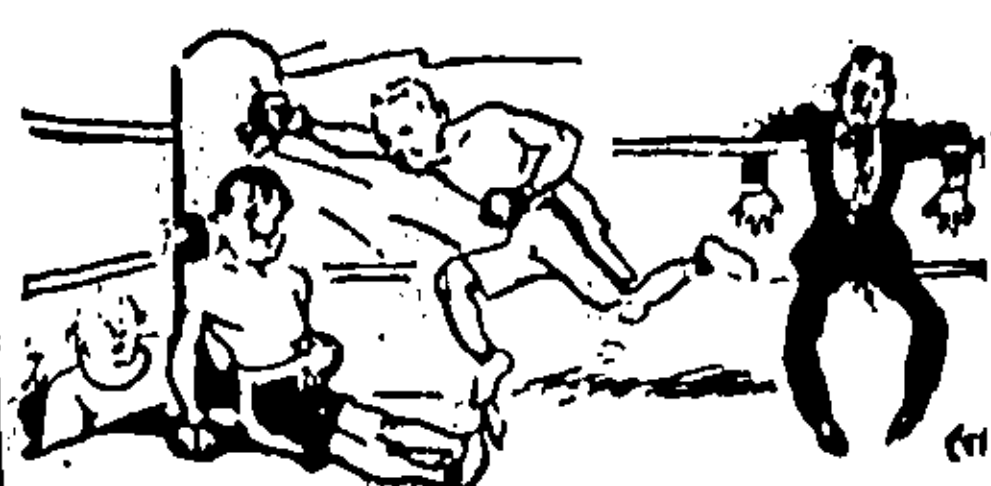
Each boxer received only £5 and training expenses and it was partly due to their generosity that more than £5,000 was raised.

Peter Kane, former flyweight champion of the world, Eric Boon, British lightweight title-holder, Harry Mizler and Kid Berg, both former British lightweight champions, were in action and all won their contest.

Could any of the other top-notch heavyweights such as Len Harvey and Tommy Farr (whom London has repeatedly challenged) stand up to those punches? It is an intriguing question which many fight followers would like to see answered.

They Tried Hard For K.O.'s

Eric Boon started so slowly in his affair with Dave Finn that for two and a half rounds it looked



as though there would be an upset. Boon, a notoriously slow starter, took some time to warm up, but once he did he made it hot for Finn. Finn's experience and ringcraft alone saved him from a knockout.

Talking of knockouts, Peter Kane tried hard to win this way against Teddy O'Neill, Scottish bantamweight champion, who had previously knocked Kane out in a Services tournament. Kane had his revenge, but he had to be satisfied with a points win, though his opponent was twice saved by the bell.

Kid Berg met in Harry Charman a man after his own heart. Charman waded in, punching with both fists, and in the first round stole Berg's thunder. But afterwards Berg put on pressure and won a rather scrambling fight on points. —Reuter.

OXFORD WON; THANKS TO THE WOMEN

It was boat race day recently.

The hand rattles didn't rattle because that would have meant gas, but the megaphones were out. And the cox shouted with that expiring groan that cox cultivates, "In—out, in—out, in—out."

What is more, Oxford won, won by six lengths.

But it was Oxford University women rowing against Cambridge University women on the Cam. It is an annual fixture, in peace-time over-shadowed by the over-emphasised affair of two masculine eights rowing from Putney to Mortlake.



LEE TING-SANG RETURNS TO SOCCER

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Sing Tao shared four goals with Eastern in a friendly soccer game in aid of the funds of the new library of the Chinese Young Men's Journalist Association.

Lee Ting-sang made a reappearance after his long absence following his injury in the Lai Wah Cup Competition some time ago. Fung King-cheong, who has not been playing football for some time was seen on the left wing.

Hau Ching-to and Hyui Man-fu scored for Eastern and Tang Kwong-sum and Fung King Cheong for Sing Tao.

Mizler At His Best

Mizler gave one of his best displays to outpoint the hard-hitting Northerner, Harry Craster, whose crude swinging was no match for Mizler's artistry. Craster tore in with head down, trying to get in some of his favourite body smashes, but Mizler's left was always jabbed into his face and there was always a following right to complete Craster's discomfort.

Mizler shared with Kane and Tiny Bostock the special prize put up by the Marquess for the best winners, and he thoroughly deserved it.

Bostock, who outpointed the Welshman, Jim Wilde, looks like a ready-made opponent for Jackie Paterson, the British and Empire flyweight champion. He was as studiously correct as Mizler and gave such a sparkling display that his chances of a title fight must have been enhanced.

British Heavyweight Hope

Another who pushed his claims for a championship fight was Sergeant Jack London, 16½st terror of the heavyweight division. London's ham-like fists put Corporal Tom Reddington down no fewer than seven times in the six rounds and he was deprived of a win inside the distance by Reddington's pluck, which was rewarded with a special prize. The club-like blows dealt out by London spelt destruction to Reddington's hopes in the first round when every bit of breath was knocked out of him, by a right to the body.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent various lawn bowls Clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v. K.C.C., home): J. Gellately, D. Crawley, C. Strange and M. Rakusen (Skip).

E. Purvis, T. Sedden, V. Ebbage and H. Strange (Skip).

E. W. Simmonds, J. Carr, W. Burling and J. MacGowan (Skip).

Reserves:—E. Kirman and W. Gardner.

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.F.C. Away):—J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Stephens and H. V. Pearce (Skip).

R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, G. Graver and A. Brooksbank (Skip).

A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C. Home):—E. P. Anslow, A. G. Gratton, F. Flippance and J. Russell (Skip).

E. Casey, J. M. Thomson, J. I. Barnes and P. Morgan (Skip).

B. A. Mansell, B. I. Bickford, S. Strange and C. Needham (Skip).

I.R.C.

First Division (v. P.R.C., home):—A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, A. O. Madar and A. R. Dullah (Skip).

J. Hoosen, A. K. Sufflad, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).

D. M. Khan, L. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip).

Reserves:—M. Hassan.

Third Division (v. P.R.C., away):—B. al-Arculi, J. M. A. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and S. Rumjahn (Skip).

A. M. Wahab, M. U. Razack, A. G. Sufflad and A. Bakar (Skip).

M. B. Hassan, A. S. Sufflad, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).

Reserves:—A. R. M. Samy and S. M. Sadiq.

Men and Women with
WILLS TO WIN
are smoking
GOLD FLAKE
Cigarettes

POST-MORTEM UNLIKELY

Next Week's Debate On War In Commons

SOVIET WARNED TO BE READY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The official Moscow radio yesterday warned the Soviet Union it must be prepared for possible attack, according to a broadcast picked up by the B.B.C.

The Moscow broadcast, as relayed by London, declared: "The Soviet people will remember Stalin's warning and will not stop at the point which has been reached."

"It is necessary to be in a state of readiness, even to a state of mobilisation. The whole nation must be kept in a state of readiness in the face of the danger of military attack, so that neither chance nor tricks by our external enemies should take us by surprise."

Significantly, Moscow radio pointed to the difficulties facing Germany in the eastern Mediterranean. —International News Service.

TAKEN TO NINGPO MORE FAR?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

L. T. Yuan, prominent businessman and Chinese candidate for the Provisional Shanghai Council, is reported to have been taken to Ningpo by the Japanese. —International News Service.

Likely To Stress War Drive Speed-Up

(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

THE TWO-DAY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE WAR SITUATION IS LIKELY TO BE DEVOTED FAR MORE TO THE URGENT QUESTION OF INCREASING THE WAR EFFORT AT HOME THAN ANY POST MORTEM ON GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO HELP GREECE.

The Prime Minister's broadcast on Sunday has had a good effect on public opinion and this has been reflected in the attitude of those who last week were critical of Government's action.

Attention is being directed to the home front and its defects.

The Minister of Supply yesterday gave a satisfactory answer regarding the production of heavy tanks but this is only one item in many that are required to wage a successful fight against the armoured might of the enemy.

Mr. Bevin's Powers

There is also the question of labour. Critics claim little has been done with the compulsory powers which the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced some time ago.

Some Members urge more drastic action regarding the mobilisation of industry and labour for the war effort.

Some responsible people are urging a radical change in the Government machinery which

they feel is not the best fitted to get the maximum war effort.

THEY SUGGEST A REORGANISATION TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

No Effort To Be Spared

Members want the war effort extended in the greatest possible way and will spare no effort to achieve this, knowing they have the whole-hearted support of the country.

Closer cooperation with leading Empire statesmen will certainly be urgent, though it is realised such direct cooperation in London is not as easy as in the last war, owing to the more exacting call on their own Ministers by all the Dominions. —Reuter.

Guerilla War

Next week's two-day Commons debate will range over the whole war situation. Particular interest will attach to discussion of the circumstances in which help was sent in response to the Greek Government's appeal which will be fully explained.

Now that the campaign is nearing its end the results are being assessed in London and the tendency is to view the operations as a guerilla warfare in which, despite his immensely superior strength, the enemy has been made to suffer severely.

Extent of this cannot entirely be measured by the number of casualties inflicted upon him although the German methods of attack against strongly held positions inevitably resulted in immense slaughter, and reports reaching official quarters in London indicate that Sofia has become in effect a vast hospital.

Great Dislocation

Apart, however, from the extent of enemy casualties, the operations are known to have caused great dislocation behind the enemy's lines, and throughout the Balkans the whole machinery of occupation has been thrown out of gear.

DURING THEIR BRIEF PERIOD OF ACTIVE COOPERATION THE YUGOSLAVS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CONFUSION AND EVEN THE GERMAN WIRELESS DID NOT DISGUISE THE FACT THAT OWING TO THEIR BLOCKING OF THE DANUBE AT SEVERAL POINTS IT WILL BE SOME MONTHS BEFORE THIS IMPORTANT CHANNEL IS AGAIN OPEN.

On political and moral grounds the expediency of sending an expeditionary force to Greece is no longer seriously questioned and it is increasingly felt it may be found to have justified itself also by the disturbance of German arrangements. —British Wireless.

NEWSPAPERMAN SHOT DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chu Tso-tung, general manager of the daily "Hwai Mei Wan Pao," was shot and killed by an assassin in Shanghai last night. —International News Service.

GREECE, EXCEPT CRETE, TO BE BLOCKADED

Greece, except Crete, is to be regarded as enemy-occupied territory for the purpose of the Trading with the Enemy Act and of blockade, announced the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

AXIS IN TOUGH SPOT

The Axis troops on Egyptian soil are still halted around Sollum, and are being continually harassed by British armed patrols, while concentrations along the coast road are being shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher and the desert sands get hotter, while sandstorms make it difficult to keep engines cool. In any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators.

These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly as they are unaccustomed to desert warfare. In Abyssinia, the round up of Italians continues. Another isolated garrison has been captured at Socota, on the Asmara-Desse road south of Amba Alagi.

The Rains Coming

The difficult country hereabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi.

Light rains are beginning to fall, particularly in south Abyssinia, but the heavy rains are not due till mid-May.

The present rain is already having some effect on roads and tracks in southern Abyssinia. —Reuter.

HITLER LIKELY TO GO ALL OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Well-informed neutral quarters in London said yesterday that Hitler is completing preparations for major military "diversions" in Spain, Morocco, Iran and Syria and is likely to launch his all-out attempt to take Suez this week-end.

Spain and French Morocco, be-

sides Suez, are regarded as the principal sites for early action. Authoritative sources said it was not unlikely that British subjects would shortly be warned to leave Spain. —International News Service.

STOP PRESS

The Tokyo nationalist "Kokumin Shimbun," referring to the "eminently favourable" international position in which Japan today finds herself, declares in a front-page editorial that "it is absolutely necessary to stop aid to Chiang Kai-shek by Britain, the United States and other third powers in order to settle the China hostilities."

The paper, claiming that victory for the Axis is practically assured, asserts: "Therefore the situation demands expansion of the drive against the old order elements in Japan and collaboration with Germany and Italy to establish the new order in East Asia."

It continues: "Japan is now simply trying to effect a complete solution of the China hostilities and has no intention of taking advantage of the security of the north resulting from the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact to drive southward by force."

"If the United States, Britain or any other power continues to aid Chungking, unmindful of the situation, there will be no other course for Japan than to plunge into a firm and final step to achieve our objectives."

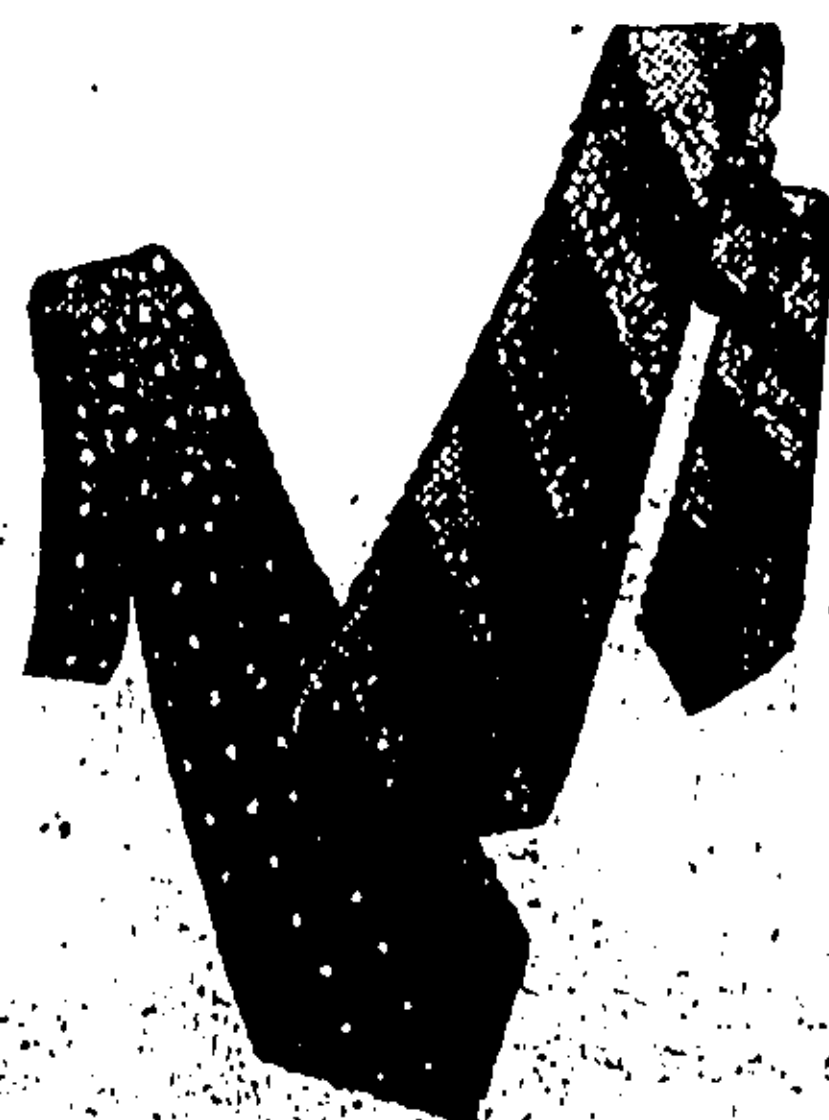
"If there are any who would obstruct the carrying out of Japan's immovable policy, we should strike a powerful blow regardless of domestic and foreign obstacles and proceed with the completion of our objectives." —Reuter.

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